Harold Pinter...

#### Rush-hour terror in Paris



Rescue personnel evacuate the injured after yesterday evening's bombing of a rush-hour train in central Paris

### Bombers bring death and chaos The street and chaos The street are the street are

### Troops on alert in French cities

Paul Webster and Alex Duval Smith in Paris

HOUSANDS of police and troops were on alert in city centres throughout France last night after a rush-hour bomb killed two people and injured more than 20 on an express urban rail line in Paris. Several of the injured were in serious condition.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the

A man living above the station told French radio: "I saw the carriage and it was totally blown apart." Another carriage was also damaged. An anti-terrorist investigation squad was on the scene.

Rêmy Jiemza, aged 20, said:
"I was just arriving at the
station when I heard the
blast. Within moments people were running towards with tears in their eyes. One woman had a cut to her face. "There was a great deal of thick smoke. Luckily there



blew up as the train pulled into the station, on the RER B line. Port Royal is only two

orders of the Algerian Armed
Islamic Group.

If Algerian extremists were responsible for last night's blast, they could have been public sector strikes.

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protesting against a presiden-tial referendum held by the Algerian government at the weekend. They may have been trying to increase the political impact by timing the attack to coincide with the arrival in Paris of the Ger-man Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, for a meeting with President Jacques Chirac.

Mr Chirac, in a live televi-sion address, said: "This is without doubt a barbaric and terrorist act."

After visiting the scene, Mr Juppé ordered the reactiva-tion of last year's national Vigipirate mass security opera-tion, placing security forces

Police admitted last night that vigilance had lapsed be-cause it was widely believed that the fundamentalist threat had receded. They promised an investigation into failures by the internal secret services charged with watching immigrant groups. Big police operations in Paris, Lyon and Lille that continued into this year led to dozens of arrests of North Africans. EU to be more active about One of the alleged leaders was cross-border crime, drugs and shot dead by paratroopers in a Lyon suburb while on the

Detectives were never able to prove that there was a mas-termind behind the bombers who believed that France sup-ported the Algerian govern-ment. Attacks, including atclaim of responsibility for the explosion at 6.05pm at Port Royal station by the Luxem-bourg Gardens.

The prime minister, Alain Juppé, confirmed at the scene that a device had been placed in the second carriage of a southbound train. Eyewitnesses described thick smoke and a resounding blast which ghook the earth.

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The injured, including five in serious condition and three who were considered critical, where eight people died in an identical explosion on the same line in July 1995.

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# Angry EU isolates Britain

### Treaty reveals new conflict

NEW draft European Union treaty, to be sent to John Major and other EU row in advance of next week end's Dublin summit, reveal the extent to which the Brit-ish government has already lost the political battle over the future shape and evolu-tion of the EU.

Extracts from the Irish EU presidency draft, which have been seen by the Guardiso, show Britain as virtually

alone in opposing: I A new role for the RU in the fight against international crime and key areas of immigration and asylunk Greater majority voting Council of Ministers; ☐ Extra powers for the European Parliament;

☐ Inclusion of the objective of

strewn with references to pol-icy options. Many carry phrases such as "the majority of member states favour ...

Senior Irish sources say that, in spite of fierce British objections, there has been striking evidence in the last few weeks of "an increased willingness" by a majority of countries to transfer respon-sibility to the EU for some aspects of immigration, asylum and the EU's external borders.

terrorism," a senior source told The Guardian. Most member states also want the Schengen agreement — at present an association of seven countries aimed at creating a zone within which national borders disappear —



opt-out to the treaty. At pres ent Britain has negotiated ex-clusions from social rights distance and olses for

aingle cufrency.
"We will be putting the fin-ishing touches to the treaty in the next day or so. It will be states ahead of a special for-eign ministers' conclave in Brussels on Friday but we also want it to be read and clearly understood by people throughout the union," the Irish diplomat said.

"We hope that the Dublin summit will show that there is a political will to agree a new treaty of Amsterdam next summer" — when EU heads of state hold their summit in the Dutch city. It is hoped that agreement will be reached at the meeting on a new EU treaty, in the wake of

Britain's general election.

The timing of the Dublin election, will make it almost impossible to prevent bruis-ing exchanges between Mr Major and the other leaders.
The Dutch government. which takes over the EU pres

idency from Ireland at the and Labr What I'm to wrome be time habye the Amourkan summit in evne ci make a new agreement with London. Failing that, key issues would have to be left to the

Luxembourg presidency, which starts in mid-1997. The Irish prime minister, John Bruton, decided not to seek agreement in Dublin on three controversial issues, of Ministers to better reflect

mand by Germany, France and others that EU countries willing to move further and faster to political union should not be prevented by the veto of a single country.

They believe that a treaty

clause on "enhanced co-oper-ation" is essential if the EU is to function effectively as it doubles in size over the next ema to the British government, which insists on a veto over any plans by others to co-operate more closely.

Najor backs Clarke, page 2

### Star Wars scientists find water in crater on the Moon

Tim Radford on an American discovery expected to trigger a new explosion of interest in Earth's nearest neighbour interest in Earth's nearest neighbour

Wars scientists yes-terday announced terest in the Moon, last vis-that they had found water ited by Apollo 17. more on the Moon. They identi-fied ice in a deep crater water already there, hu-near the lunar south pole, mans could live and work where the sun's rays could never melt it.

They made the discovery a year before the US space agency, Nasa, was due to

NITED States Star | The find is bound to trigon the Moon. Without it, they could not. The discovery came after

careful scrutiny of more than 1.8 million images of agency. Nasa, was due to launch a prospector satel-lite to search for water on Barth's nearest neighbour. It in spacecraft mission two be added. "You don't have

project - revealed "an ice formation the size of a small lake" in a giant

crater.
"If you could wish for any one thing there to make it easier to explore with, it would be water," said Anthony Cook, astron-omer at the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles.
"With water there you could have enclosed areas

to launch all that stuff from big rockets on the Earth."

After the Apollo astronauts had landed on the Moon, Apollo spacecraft Defence Organisation had minerals and water at the Moont Everest. According to Rick Lehner of the Pentagon, a radar signal returned from the crater told of "tens of feet" of feet "tens of feet "ten swept around its equator looking for signs of water. They found none.

European scientists began to study the Earth itself ace, and the further They became increas-

ingly interested in water in the Solar System, and today Nasa expected to launch yet snother spacecraft to years. search for evidence of One

put up a ent-price space probe called Clementine. lesigned to test missiletracking systems for Ronald Reagan's notorious Star Wars programme.

Using radar and other sensors, Clementine spent 70 days circling the Moon in 1994 and sent back an array of images likely to keep scientists happy for One of these, on the

water on Mars. Nasa also Moon's dark side, was of a "Obviously you're talk-plans in 1997 to launch Lu-nar Prospector to hunt for prus and far deeper than future," he said.

This could have been dumped there billions of years ago in a collision with a comet, a ball of frotrapped in a crater in the lanar darkness, at 230C, the water could not escape.

The moon water could be used for drinking, turned into breathable oxygen or transformed into fuel, said

"Obviously you're talk-

### Inside

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### Poverty is when you can't afford 50p



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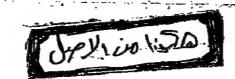
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#### Sketch

### Trick answer to a Major backs Clarke on EMU straight question



Simon Hoggart

RICK questions come thick and fast in Parliament; what we had yesterday was a trick answer. Tony Blair started with his usual mild first question. This is supposed to establish what a reasonable fellow he is, how he is asking only in a spirit of genuine inquiry, and to pro-vide the excuse for his next two questions turning into a mad, frothing cant.

(The idea is that the rant appears on the Six O'Clock News. The problem for Mr Blair is that it doesn't quite work: his Mr Hyde looks even less frightening than his Doc-

tor Jekyll.)
The Labour leader asked:
"Will you now say clearly, and
without qualification, that your statement of April 3 on behalf of the Government, that at the next election you will not rule out the option of joining a single currency in the next Parliament, remains unequivocally the position of the Government?"

(I had to go for a cup of tea after typing that. Imagine what it was like saying it.) John Major rose. We were expecting his usual response.

which is to ignore the ques-tion, to answer an entirely different question, or to claim that the questioner is guilty of gross moral turpitude in even wishing to ask the question.

Instead he replied, echoing Mr Blair's very words (what is the opposite of "very" words? Is it "somewhat" words? Mr Blair's "slightly words"?): That remains unequivocally the position of the Government."

There was a sharp intake of breath from around the House. Nobody could remember when the Prime Minister last gave a straightforward reply to a straightforward question. Over to Bill Frindall in the commentary box. "Thank you, Simon. I think

the last record of the Prime Minister giving a straight-

Michael Billington

AST time Griff Rhys

down. This time, he himself is

the brightest spark in a revival that takes time, so to

speak, to catch fire: the fault

lies more in Travers' frayed

has its place in history as probably the first farce to

hinge on robbery and death and to threaten its twin

beroes with the rope. It takes Travers a long time, however,

to crank up the machinery.

The plot-heavy first act shows society crook Freddy Malone

enlisting his dimwitted chum D'Arcy Tuck, in a plan to relieve an ex-housekeeper of

some jewels she has gained by

marrying her late employer. It may seem absurd to apply

contemporary political cor-rectness to a twenties farce

but two things stick in one's

craw. The party in question,

Mrs Hewlett, is seen as a just victim because she is ex-

tremely stout and lower class.

play than in Peter James's per fectly decent production.

Plunder, dating from 1928,

Jones was due to appear in a Ben Travers farce at

Review

Plunder

Savoy Theatre

forward answer to a straightforward question was Pitt the Younger in 1806, though he was on his deathbed, so that didn't count as a first-class match. Meanwhile, can I say how much I am enjoying this delicious fruit cake kindly

sent in by Mrs Ena Fabricant of Rottingdean?" Mr Blair wasn't nonplussed, but he didn't look exactly plussed either. He tried again, and got another straightforward answer. It was awful, and if it continues could mean the end of Prime Minister's Question Time as

Later, a pair of young women in the Strangers' Gallery unfurled a banner, about arms sales to Indonesia, and arms sales to indonesia, and started shouting. They were removed, roughly, by four at-tendants. Usually the House likes to pretend that these events are not happening, like gentry avolding lager louts. But this time a benchload of Nationalists, Scottish and

Welsh, began applauding the protesters. Tories were enprotesters. Tories were en-raged, and one of the clapping MPs. Cynog Dafis (PC. Ceredi-gion) was told to leave by the Speaker (though it turned out she was warning, rather than ejecting, him). I can see the point. If demon

strations were allowed, the Commons could never contract any business. They have to be banned, just as you against the cold weather allowance during a performance of La Boheme.

But I don't think I was alone in feeling a shiver of pleasure that for once, quite illegally, a gust of reality had blown for a lew seconds through the fetid Ken Clarke later reported For the third time in eight days, nobody laid a glove on him.

His message was that there were no real problems, everything was as he predicted it would be, and he couldn't understand why he had been dragged away from the pub to unswer such pointless questions.

"I could have come back saying that I had found and slayed some dragons, but there weren't any dragons," he said.

Frayed farce that

fails to catch fire

Cobblers, but as the old joke has it, frightfully well-brewed

### Cabinet Europhiles unite behind keeping options open Sceptics fight on against single currency

Michael White Political Editor

ORY Euro-sceptics ast night vowed to campaign against the single European disively aligned himself with the Cabinet's Europhile heavyweights, Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseline, in keeping British op-

To rub in his victory, the Chancellor, who had been portrayed as isolated in Cabinet — by 18 votes to four, according to the Tory tabloids gave MPs a report of delib-erately mind-numbing com-13-14. A single mistake could

plexity from Monday's meet-ing of EU finance ministers. Sceptics had predicted be would commit the manage-

ment of the British economy to disciplinary procedures under the planned "stability pact", whether the UK enters the single currency or not. But they failed to land a blow on Mr Clarke, whose willing-ness to resign if pushed too far is widely believed — not

least by Number 10.
The Chancellor even denied slaying Euro-dragons in Brussels this week. "There weren't any dragons," he in-sisted. But the fight goes on to the promised two-day Com-mons debate before the EU's

trigger a no-confidence vote. After days of renewed spec-ulation that the Prime Minister may be edging towards openly saying "no" to British membership of the planned euro throughout the 1937-2002 parliament, Mr Major nailed the rumours under pressure from Tony Blair at question time in the Commons time in the Commons.

The Labour leader had asked him: "Will you now say clearly and without any quali-fication that your statement of April 3 on behalf of the Government, that at the next election you will not rule out the option of joining a single currency in the next parlia-ment, remains unequivocally the position of the

Mr Major replied: "That remains unequivocally the position of the Government" — an unusually crisp and unambiguous answer. Mr Blair then urged him to "tidy up one small loose end" by endersing measure by Mr Hessl dorsing remarks by Mr Hesel-tine on Radio 4's The World at One that "we are not going to change our position in the election campaign or in this

A testy Mr Major, who had been denying any subtle pol-icy shift for two days, replied: "Mr Heseltine said that. That is our position." Tory loyal-ists cheered, but Mr Blair was satisfied that he had helped paint Mr Major into a corner

been co-ordinated at the Cabi-net's morning strategy com-mittee, which was chaired by Mr Heschine.

Mr Heschine.
Sceptics such as Norman
Lamont, David HeathcoatAmory and John Redwood
peppered Mr Clarke with
technical questions yesterday, convinced that most voters would respect the Cabinet ers would respect the Cabinet more if it said what it — and they — believe: that Britain will not join a single currency

The Clarke-Major-Heseltine axis is now certain to hold until polling day, since Mr Heseltine and Downing Street officials went out of their way yesterday to dismiss claims

Though officials denied it, that when Mr Major said the exercise looked to have there would be no policy change "in this parliament" he left open the option to make a switch during the election camapign — after Parliament is dissolved.

"How many times does one have to so on saying it?" Mr Heseltine told Radio 4 Brit-ain would stay in the single currency negotiations to pro-tect the national interest "mith the ink is dry on the paper", he said.
One sceptic privately countered: "The Cabinet are al-

ways teetering on the brink of changing the policy. This will go on." The Europhile Tory MP Quentin Davies derided



Gwyn Jones . . . An independent assessment panel has declined to reappoint him as chairman of BBC Wales and a governor of S4C and the BBC

### Nolan reforms oust quango man

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

moral seems to be that you can get away with theft, and even an accidental killing, as long as you are well-bred old school chums and your victims are a predatory servant and her blackmailing brother

| I know there was always a

stereotype battleaxe in the Aldwych farces, but the joke

in this case wears thin; the

Time, in short, has not been kind to the play. That it survives at all is largely due to the genuine charm of Rhys Jones who, as D'Arcy Tuck, gives the impression of a hap-less innocent caught up in murky shenanigans. He is at his best in the largely silent scene of the bedroom robber where he douses himself with the victim's chloroform and sways like a pine tree caught in a hurricane. He displays the well-timed fluster of the born

farceur.
But Plumder, which nearly
20 years ago at the National seemed quite a jolly play, now begins to look as if it has passed its sell-by date. It contains a juicy star part and has some neat verbal byplay but it is based on class assumptions, not to mention cruel jokes about female fatness, that nov look offensively dated. This review appeared in some editions yesterday.

WELSH Tory once tipped as a future chairman of the BBC has become the first victim of Lord Nolan's clamp down on "jobs for the boys".

An independent panel has refused to re-appoint him as chairman of BBC Wales and a governor of both the Welsh language channnel, S4C, and the BBC for the next five

Dr Gwyn Jones, aged 48, a flamboyant businessman, was given prominent quango posts by successive Welsh secretaries Peter Walker and David Hunt, His present part-time job at the BBC is worth £21,000 for a two-day week a £16,000 salary plus £5,000 in benefits. His part-time post as a governor at \$4C is worth up another \$13,000.

Now William Hague, the present Welsh Secretary, has sed his discretionary powers to set up an independent as-sessment panel to interview candidates for re-appoint which is the norm ment as governors for the dure for governors.

Track record

☐ Criticised by MPs over spending £7,098 on Con-corde and a helicopter to interview a candidate for the WDA's North American investment office. He ex-plained he had heavy

☐ He appointed as WDA marketing director a convicted fraudster, Neil Smith, who forged a refer-

BBC and the Welsh language channel. The decision follows a report this year from Lord Nolan, the life peer appointed by John Major to examine standards in public life, call-ing for the end of party politi-

His decision is said by all sources to have provoked a row, with lobbying from supporters of Dr Jones, including Mr Hunt and Lord Walker, pressing for Dr Jones's re-appointment, which is the normal proce-

cal patronage in quango

ence purported to be from Home Office minister Sir Peter Lloyd while in prison.

☐ Had to repay £3,379 of a £16,895 industrial grant when he converted part of one of his three homes into a flat.

☐ Attacked by Labour MPs in 1994 for failing to declare an interest while, as a BBC

Virginia Bottomley, the The decision to drop Dr Jones follows a period of controversy when he was appointed by Lord Walker as chairman of the Welsh Development Agency at a salary of £42,000 for a two day week. The agency has a budget of over £161 million to attract industry to Wales. under pressure to re-appoint

The panel, under Rachel Lomax, permanent secretary at the Welsh Office, has put forward for the job two nonward for the job two hor-Tories, Roger Jones, the owner of Penn Pharmaceuti-cals, of Tredegar, and Wyn-ford Evans, the former chair-man of SWALEC, the privatised Welsh electricity ultility. John Major will approve the final choice before Christmas. It then goes to the

1991 to the BBC and S4C In 1993 Labour MPs pro-tested to John Redwood, Mr national governor, he criticised BBC journalists over an investigation into a land

deal. It was between Tesco. of which he was a director.

and the WDA, of which he

☐ The Commons Public Ac-

counts Committee said the

"handled in a totally unac-

The decision to drop Dr

No sooner had he been ap-pointed in 1988 when a series

of scandals broke about the running of the agency, lead-

ing to a damning report from the all-party Commons Public

was past chairman.

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dustry to Wales.

Hunt's successor as Welsh Secretary, asking him to remove Dr Jones from his posts at the BBC and S4C in wake of the Public Accounts Committee report. Mr Redwood refused.

The BBC confirmed in London yesterday that Dr Jones is not to be re-appointed to to remember is that there is a the governships. He is understood to have informed BBC Wales that he is not to stay as he has now been appointed a European chief executive for a global computer company. The announcement follows his rejection by the indepenlent assessment panel. Roderic Morgan, the

shadow Welsh minister, who had campaigned for Dr Jones to leave his quango jobs, last night welcomed the panel's

"Lord Nolan is to be congratulated in providing the opportunity to end this 'jobs for the boys' system."

Accounts Committee in 1993.

Mr Hunt appointed him in on Lords reform, page 5 Labour rejects peer's threat

### Row as tunnel trains resume service

Vivek Chaudhary and Rebocca Smithers

night accused of putting profits before safety in the run-up to Christmas after it announced that passenger services through the Channel tunnel are to resume today.

The decision, 15 days after a fire broke out in the tunnel, was taken after a meeting of the tunnel's safety authority yesterday. A spokesman for the authority said it had advised the overall tunnel body, the Anglo-French Intergov-ernmental Commission, that

services should resume. The first train was due to leave Waterloo station in London for Paris at 5.50am today. Ken Cameron, general sec retary of the Fire Brigades Union, accused Eurotunnel, the company that manages the Channel tunnel, and Eurostar, which operates the train services, of putting "profit before safety" to cash in on the expected Christmas

He said: "We are of the opinion that the tunnel should not be opened while the repair work is being car-ried on. That is putting the safety of passengers and members of the rescue ser-vices at risk."

Roger Gale, Conservative MP for North Thanet, who has regularly expressed doubts about tunnel safety, said last night that he had "considerable lingering anxieties" about the resumption

of passenger services. Eddie Ryder, British chief of the tunnel's safety authority, said last night he was satisfied that the necessary safety equipment was available and that revised operating and emergency procedures were in place. He added: "The important thing nell within very close reach at all times."

Repair work on the part of the tunnel damaged by fire, which is expected to last between three to four months, is to continue while passenger ervices are running

Eurostar plans to resume running 13 out of its normal 14 return trips to Paris and seven of its normal eight round trips to Brussels, but freight shuttle services are not expected to resume for some time.

A spokesman for Eurotun-nel said: "We are absolutely delighted. This is an early Christmas present for us and

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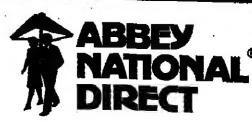
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Ambulence crew wheel a wounded David Ewin away from the street in Barnes, south-west London, where police found him and a stolen car. He received gunshot wounds to the arm and stomach

### Armed PC accused of murder

### Suspect car thief shot as he made futile escape bid

Row,

tunne

train

as he frantically terday went before a jury accused of murder.

Patrick Hodgson, a consta ble aged 49, said he shot the suspect twice because he feared for the safety of him-self and the public. He denies the charge. David Ewin was shot from

the front passenger side as he revved the car, making the wheels spin, the Old Bailey

Crown counsel John Bevan said that after the shooting pital on March 16.

Mr Bevan said Ewin saw the police car from the shop.

The police car from the shop. told? I had no choice ... It Ewin said "Oh, no!" and ran tends to suggest that Ewin out to the car.

was shot because he didn't do as he was told. That is not the

POLICEMAN who shot an unarmed suspected car thief Another officer in the car, PC down the number of a stolen Toyota after a message on the police radio. By chance, they spotted the car parked outside a shop in Barnes, south-west

As they approached the car, a man ran out of the shop. "A normal midday Tuesday busy street scene was suddenly transformed," Mr Bevan said. Within minutes, Ewin, aged 38, lay wounded in the arm and stomach. He died in hos-



'like a maniac'

Witnesses gave comusing accounts of what happened Mr Bevan said, but it was es tablished that PC Kelly took a passenger, Charles Macrae, out of the stolen car and had him under arrest.

PC Kelly was surprised to see Hodgson draw his 9mm Glock handgun as he did not think the situation merited an armed response.

shunted the car backwards

and forwards, Hodeson was

police car, the court heard. He tried to smash the windscreen with the butt of his gun.

A van driver positioned his vehicle to block Ewin's es-cape and Hodgson went round to the passenger's side of the car, the court heard.

He shouted "armed police" but Ewin was behaving "like a maniac", revving the engine and making the wheels spin. Hodgson fired two shots either through the open res-senger door or window. Each said: You bestard, you've shot me in the stomach" and

told them: "He's been shot. I had no choice. had no choice." He asked about Ewin's condition.

Later, be made a statem in which he claimed that he feared for his life and had to make a split-second decision.
"He did not seem to have any regard for anyone else. I feared for my own life and nembers of the public," he

said of Ewin. Mr Bevan told the court that Hodgson had many choices apart from shooting. At the time he opened fire, he was no longer in danger. Ewin was boxed in, his hands were on the wheel and he was

in danger of being crushed be unarmed. The only danger tween the Toyota and the was to the bodywork of the Hodgson should not have drawn his gun in the first

place, the court was told. The sight of the gun may have contributed to the penicky found to have heroin, cocaine and cannabis in his blood. He

had also consumed 1½ times the legal limit of alcohol. Peter Core, a bus passenger told the court that Hodgson was lucky to have escaped injury by being trapped be-tween; vehicles. "I was com-pletely and utterly shocked," Mr Core said. "Td never seen anything like it twice in less than half a second - crack, crack.

Hodgson had then dragged the driver on to the road. Russell Johnson, a teacher who was cycling past, said: "When the car stopped there was an awful silence. Nothing happened for a couple of seconds. The policeman approached the car and shot the

The court heard that armed response officers were highly trained and there were strict stances in which they could use firearms. The case continues.





Patrick Hodgson: 'I feared for my life' PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF MOORE

### Water firm cuts half its staff

OUTHERN Water, a privatised utility, will announce this morning it is jettisoning half its workforce — 2,000 out of 3,900 people — in a cost-cutting drive prompted by its take-over by Scottish Power this

summer.
The scale of the upheaval, which also involves selling most of the company's subsidiaries, is far greater than expected. Employees had been led to believe at the time of the takeover that severe job cuts could be avoided.

Labour's employment spokesman Ian McCartney de-scribed the scale of South-ern's move as scandalous. It was yet another example of the "fatcat utility bosses pro-ducing boom in the board-room and bust for the work-force, while the taxpayer picks up the bill. Assurances given to regulator, customers and workforces have proved to be worthless."

A spokesman for the firm confirmed last night that just over half the workforce is to go over the next two years but added that it was hoped redundancies would be volun-tary and many of those work-ing for subsidiaries would be employed by the new owners.

Southern Water, which was bought by Scottish Power for £1.7 billion, increased profits this year by 15 per cent to £166 million and analysts ex-pect Scottish Power's earn-ings to increase by up to 40 per cent. But today's job cut-ting is bound to be seen as a recognition that Scottish Power paid over the odds for the utility.

Three quarters of South-ern's 20 "non-core" subsidiar-ies — which employ 1,000 people across a wide range of businesses from IT Southern, an information technology consultancy, to Topmark, a vehicle hire firm — are to be

Around 700 jobs will be shed from the company's core business and another 300 are in areas which will be "outsourced". A company spokesman said compulsory reduniancies in the core business could not be ruled out.

Staff were briefed yesterday by Southern managers and talks will continue today with the trade unions. It is understood that the minimumredundancy payoff will be £3.000. A Unison official said it would seek guarantees of no compulsory redundancies, protection for those who remained and the maintenance of proper services.

Total boardroom remuners

tion at Scottish Power this year was £1.7 million, with the highest paid director chief executive Ian Robinson earning £385,000. A bonus scheme which will boost directors' salaries by up to 60 per cent.

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### 'Pravda' swaps sides to lambast Birt

Andrew Culf Media Corres

THE BBC's house newspaper, Ariel, referred to by staff as Pravda for its unswerving loyalty director general John Birt's regime, underwent 2 dose of glasnost yesterday.
For one week editorial control was handed over to seven volunteers from rank-and-file employees. It was a brave move by the BBC's Orwellian-sounding Corporate Internal Communication department: last month a union survey revealed that more than 97 per cent of staff were un-happy with the way the BBC was being run. Yesterday's edition of

the newspaper devoted its cover to a specially com-missioned John Birt trip-tych from the hard-hitting cartounist Ralph Steadman in the style of his series of "paranoid" caricatures. Ariel's usual diet of recycled BBC press releases and

internal announcements

made way for pages of sat-ire at the expense of Mr Birt and his restructuring. tory note from acting editor Daniel Jones, who works for BHC Wales, in the form of a Birt-style "mission" loans added, in a masterly impression of Birt-style "mission" loans added by the mission l







editor, Robin Reynolds, had one thing in common: Few The team — which said it of us read Ariel, few felt it had been deliberately prowas particularly relevant, and rewer still thought it and fewer still thought it an article from Feedback was anything other than a presenter Christopher management organ."
They claimed the news-

paper should be "trustwor-thy, informative, entertaining, educative, particl-pative, provocative and robust". None of these adjectives is routinely applied

ingly diversified BBC." vocative

Dunkley, who criticised senior BBC staff for "pussyfoot accountability" and a lack of confidence. The newspaper, renamed Ariel Ultra, contained attacks on bureaucracy and barbs at the expense of executives Alan Yentob, Michael Jackson and Mark

statement". He said the information, top down and seven members of staff bottom up it should reflect selected by Ariel's full-time all aspects of an increasion was favourable. She said: "It reflects the BBC's commitment to openness. It has given Ariel a fresh perspective and turned out very

> Mr Birt's view on how well the exercise had turned out was not immediately available.

One of the editorial team said: "It has caused a real stir, although lots of people have come up and said it is fantastic.

"We tried to reflect hon-est and robust opinion as opposed to bland press releases. None of us has received a P45 — yet."

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Passengers in transit this week will have been thrilled to find a new hardcover Michael Crichton title on the shelves. They will soon discover, though, that the former traveller's friend has produced the worst of all texts with which to settle down on a 747.

**G2** cover story

## Turn in the killer, begs road rage girlfriend

Plea to driver in 'cat and mouse' chase that led to fatal stabbing

ference where Tracey Andrews was comforted by the parents of her fiance, Lee Harvey, she called the attack "the most stupid, wile thing he was walking back to the that could come out of just a

aged 25, had participated in a game of cat and mouse with the battered, F-registered Ford Sierra that pursued their car, headlights flashing.

The couple had overtaken the Sierra on the A38 in Bromsgrove near Birmingham, on their way home from a quiet evening in the pub with friends on Sunday.
"We were just followed and

chased along the lanes. It was the case of both Lee and the other person playing cat-and-mouse with each other for a while, and then they overtook us. Lee decided to pull in and got out of the car," said the 27year-old bar maid.

There was some sort of argument going on, just stupid like just calling each other names and a lot of swearing

going on."
The Sierra driver, who had exchanged insults with Mr Harvey, got back into his car. Then the front seat passenger got out and stabbed Mr Harvey in the neck, face and body more than 15 times, leaving him to die in the arms of his girlfriend, whom he had also cut and punched to the

stitches above her eyebrow and two black eyes from the attack, said: "The driver walked off. It was nothing to do with the driver. I want to say: Will the driver of the car . come forward, because you are not to blame for this, and I know that because you

"But you obviously knew him. He has ruined my life and he has ruined the life of Lee's parents, it was not your fault. Please come forward. "And if anybody else can remember seeing us, please (

Ms Andrews said that when man knifed to death the ground, she did not real-on Sunday in a road ise he had been stabbed. "I rage attack, yester day appealed for the attacker's friends to go to the police. Is attacker's friends to go to the police. car and Lee was on the floor.

car. Lee was lying on the floor. I didn't realise how bad it was because it was so dark. I just went into shock. I didn't know what to do."

She thought Mr Harvey had been speeding through the country lanes, with the other car on his tail, at about 60mph - "that is really fast down a

country lane.
"I was shouting at Lee to slow down and to ignore him and stop the car. I don't know if a lot of men are like him but when you get behind the wheel of a car sometimes you change personality. He doesn't like anybody telling him how to drive anyway.
"I cannot really say what caused them to follow us. The

first I was aware was when they were coming up close and flashing their lights at us. And then Lee was slowing down and then going fast as

Detective Superintendent Ian Johnston of West Mercia police, in charge of the mur-der investigation, said that in view of the attack on Mr Harvey, Ms Andrews was lucky not to have been more seriously hurt. The weapon was a sharp-bladed instrument, pos-sibly a knife, but had not so far been found.

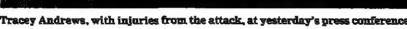
a young daughter by a previous partner, had lived together in Alvechurch, near Bromsgrove, for two years. They were to marry next June. Ms Andrews described her fiance as "a lovely, kind,

generous, funny man".

The man who killed him, she said, "didn't seem normal. I can't say he seemed to me drunk, but he seemed to me and knives and people using he wasn't normal — as if he had taken something. It was just the way he looked. He had starey eyes."

Lee Harvey: stabbed in face and body more than 15 times

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mother, said a £10,000 reward | ment devastated family in the world. We need capital pun-ishment back. We need the

for information had been of-fered by David Sullivan, owner of Birmingham City Football Club, which her son punishment to fit the crime.
"This man has wiped away used to support.
She said: "I am absolutely devastated... I think we have my son's life in an instant. He has ruined my life, Maureen's life, and Tracey's. My son loved his mother and his sister like I cannot begin to tell you. And me, I hope he loved

weapons. I believe something has got to be done." me.
"I would like to appeal to the public out there to help. Her husband, Raymond, said: "We are the most hon-Somebody knows this man, Maureen Harvey, Lee's est, caring and at this mosomebody is shielding him."

Virgin unveils nuptial delights Clare Longrigs

ViRGIN yesterday launched a one-stop wedding shop in Char-ing Cross, London, with an appearance from Richard Branson in drag as the

bride of the future.

Mr Branson, in fuschia lipstick, wore a cut-away shot silk bustle which shot silk buster white revealed his legs in white fishnets, and a veil with Minnie Mouse bow. He had shaved off his beard for the

occasion.

The idea for a wedding department store, selling everything from the frock to the cake decorations, came from a former air stewardess, Ailsa Petchey, after she organised a wedding for a friend. "I found it completely exhausting. It was a nightmare," said Ms Petchey, now general manager of Virgin Bride. "The excitement has gone from the bridal industry."

the bridal industry."
Virgin's interest is also likely to have been kindled by the honeymoon busi-ness. The store will have the first interactive booking system, with a face-to-face video link with travel reps. Virgin will take prior-ity over other airlines when couples are booking a

honeymoon.
The store, Virgin Bride, hopes to attract couples who want an unconven-tional occasion. Highlight of a catwalk show yester-day, which featured some of the shop's vast range of wedding dresses, was a ballgown in black PVC. The store has massage and beauty facilities as well

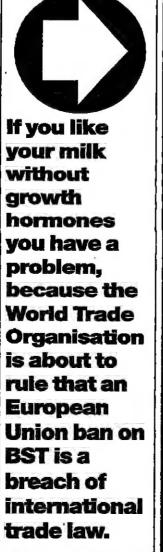
es a catwalk and hair and make-up stylists. Unwitting visitors yesterday found themselves face down on massage chairs being treated to a shlatsu

Ms Petchey added: "The bride wants to feel special; the wants to be pampered. Thirty-eight per cent of the market are second mar-riages. A lot of the brides are older, professional women who want an infor-mal, funky wedding and haven't got time to orga-nice it themselves."

Mr Branson said he was looking forward to some very public wedding stunts. You never know, the first Virgin Bride wedding could take place in a hot-air bal-

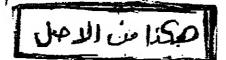


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## Sceptics turn screw on PM

URVEYING the wreckage of another mons wasted by Tory infighting over Europe the Labour MP, Roger Stott, last night cheerfully concluded: "There's definitely a familiar whiff of gan-grene about it."

And he should know. As unpaid bag-carrier to the prime minister in the closing months of Jim Callaghan's minority Labour government in 1978-79, the Labour MP for Wigan saw at close hand his party's determined rush to de-feat at the hands of Margaret

divided, living from day to day, and usually keener to fight each other than the resurgent Opposition, the Labour backbenches behaved as the Tories are increasingly behaving.
John Major's reiteration of

John Major's reiteration of the Government's "wait and see" line on British member-ship of the EU single cur-rency yesterday should have ended the Euroscaptical drive to push him into a firm No.
But it won't any more that
the last reiteration at the Tory
conference in October. Or the
one before that when Mr Major conceded the referendum in April "We'll be back because

the issue won't go away," scep-tics said last night.

ning for Opposition, internal party reforms that would open the leadership to Tony Benn who stayed in cabinet. like Mr Major's "bastards" while signalling dissent through friends. Today John Redwood runs his own guerilla campaign, unrestrained.

MPs are not certain who planted the "Major Plans to Hold Out against Euro" lead story in Monday's Daily Tele-graph. It followed "Ministers in Protest Over Mawhinney" in Protest Over Rawhinney on Friday's front page. Though famned by the Eur-oeceptic Tory tabloids, both drew emphatic denials. "The

But they did not come out of

that 18 out of 22 cabinet mem-bers support a bardening of the single currency policy against UK membership throughout the next 1997-2002 parliament, must have come from someone important in

Tory HQ or Downing Street.
"Dr Angry" — Conserva-tive Party chairman Brian Mawhinney — is a prime sus-pect as is Norman Blackwell, the McKinsey management guru who heads Mr Major's

policy unit.

Both are thought to believe

Thatcher. Demoralised and In 1978-9 Callaghan, like Booker Prize for fiction." Mr more electable if their EU think so," one loyal ex-cabidivided, living from day to Major today, faced a pincer Major said yesterday. only one snag: Mr Clarke, thin air.

Many MPs assume that
Monday's report, claiming Nicholas Scott's, would unquestionably resign rather than abandon a compromise

> Brown backs it too. Everyone denies blame for the latest speculation. But the sceptics believe it is true and that a No to the euro is the key to general election vic-

so sensible that Gordon

tory next spring.

Now that Mr Clarke has delivered the cautious Budget he wanted — against their slash-and-burn advice — it is the only panacea they have.
"It may look like a death wish

night. The awkward fact is that, after 17 years in power and still facing intractible problems, the Tory right has got religion in an ideological sense familiar to the old Bennite left: conviction politics Mrs Thatcher called them.

Mr Major is a tactician, not a born leader, and his Commons majority will disappear next month, as Jim Calla-ghan's did much earlier.

Will he go to the country earlier than May 1, as some MPs suspect to end his mis-ery? Why should be, if he is still 20 points behind Labour after a Euro-winter of discon-

### fights Labour reform plans

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

ABOUR will brush aside a threat by Tory peers

today to block its plans for reform of the Lords. Lord Cranborne, the Conservative Leader of the Lords,

will give the most explicit warning yet of his party's de-termination to fight Labour's proposal to abolish the voting rights of hereditary peers. In a speech and pamphlet, he will dismiss Labour's plan as "crass and ignorant" and offer only minor concessions.

A Labour source said a Labour government would offer Lord Cranborne an ulti-matum: he could accept a compromise to turn some hereditary peers into life peers or expect all out attack on the Lords. "If their position is that they will fight to the death for the hereditary peers, they will die in the ditch," he said. In his speech, Lord Cran-

borne is expected to suggest tinkering with reform by tightening up conventions govern-ing the behaviour of the Lords. such as what bills they could reform the House of Lords it delay. But the response of is important that they should look at reform in the context this as amounting to nothing substantially new.

Labour believes an all-out norant approach the Labour ommitment by Lord Cran-Party has adopted."

borne to back hereditary peers would be intellectually and electorally indefensible.

Labour is committed to introducing a devolution bill for Scotland and Wales in its first year in government but has not decided on the timetable for Lords reform. Some argue that it should go hand in hand with the devolution bill be-cause peers will attempt to block the plans for a Scottish parliament, others that two constitutional bills in a year

would be unmanageable Labour's compromise offer to Lord Cranborne would allow the Conservatives to switch 50 of their hereditary peers to life peerages, which would give them voting rights. All hereditary peers small be allowed to use the would be allowed to use the facilities of the Lords but would not be allowed to vote. In the pamphlet, The Indi-vidual, the Constitution and the Tory Party, Lord Cran-borne says: "The present and I would like to be convinced that any changes will make Parliament as a whole work better." He adds: "If any future government wants to reform the House of Lords it







Kensington and Chelsea's chairman, Andrew Dalton, far left, and, clockwise from left, three MPs who may seek selection, Sir John Wheeler, Hartley Booth and Michael Stephen

### MPs left homeless after shake-up set to join contest for Scott's seat

Rebecca Smithers

Nicholas Scott in one of the safest Conservative begin next week, when the Kensington and Chelsea 130-strong executive council council, Joan Hanham, who of the Kensington and Chel-narrowly missed out when sen constituency association will meet to discuss the timetable.

end of January, Former min-ister Sir Nicholas will remain as an MP until the election.

the seat was redrawn under boundary changes last year,

as an MP until the election.

Heading the list of applicants is the Tory leader of Daniel Moylan.

The agent a stone's throw (Shoreham).

Could face challenges from mot the ring, as count muow "soft on Europe". Sir Nicholas himself has talked of at least a dozen highly ambibe highly attractive to the handful of MPs and even min-

The two London MPs have

lost out under the redrawing of the capital's constituencies. isters who are still on the Mr Stephen was unsuccessful look-out for a vacant seat, just in applying for a neighbour-

The plan is to have a new parliamentary candidate for the plum seat in place by the end of January. Former minister Sir Nicholas will remain as an MP until the election.

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tious locally-based young men — dubbed the "Tory bedsit Party members voted by 509 | Kensington and Chelsea.

meeting to oust the former minister, after he was dogged

Yesterday constituency association, riven by tensions brigade"- queuing up to take since the new seat was

#### **Depleted Tories defeated on** opt-out schools expansion

John Carvel Education Editor

HE Government yester-day lost a key vote on its Education Bill when two Conservatives MPs went missing from the committee stage in the Commons, allowing Labour to defeat proposals for grant-maintained schools to expand by 50 per cent without asking official permission.

Although ministers will try to restore the clause when it returns to the floor of the Commons early next year, their fragile parliamentary majority puts the outcome in

Expansion of the grantmaintained schools was a cenlocal authorities and teaching

unions. series of minor votes on the also encourage further standing committee yester-sent in the Lords.

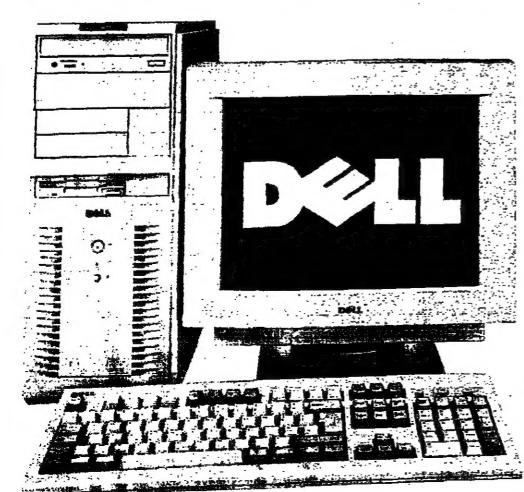
day with its regular majority

But John Marshall, Conservative MP for Hendon South, after midday to attend a charity event elsewhere in the Commons with Norma Major, the Prime Minister's wife. Anthony Coombs, the Gov-ernment's committee whip, realised a Labour ambush was in prospect and went to look for him.

Peter Kilfoyle, the Labour education spokesman, aban-doned a prepared speech to accelerate the key vote.

The Department for Educa tion and Employment said ministers would try to restore the GM expansion power when the bill returns to the then have lost its overall ma jority after the Barnslev East The Government won a byelection. The defeat might

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SIBERIAN miners whose mass protests helped bring Boris Yelisin to power went on strike again yesterday — this time in

Junta blames biggest demonstration in years on 'political infiltrators' as hundreds are questioned | News in brief

### Burma halts student march

ties are blaming 'political agitaall-night protest march by university students which police dispersed at dawn yesterday, briefly de-taining several hundred

The students began one of the biggest demonstrations for years at dusk on Monday by blocking a busy intersec-tion in Rangoon. They aired mainly campus grievances,

the morning, a crowd of at least 2,000 marched through the centre of the capital, singing the national anthem shouting slogans critical of the ruling military junta and waving banners calling for freedom and human rights. Heavily armed police halted the march at dawn. They bundled several hun-dred students into lorries. taking them to a disused race course for questioning.

A senior military official said the authorities had treated the students "leniently

and gently" and that most were sent back to their cam-

puses after checks to confirm whether they were "real

Rumours that baton-wielding nolice had beaten up some demonstrators could not be confirmed.

more overtly political than a smaller student outburst in October, making it uncertain whether the protesters were using campus grievances stir up political agitation. The marchers made no mention of the opposition National League for Democ-racy or its leader, Aung San

Suu Kyi. But the security forces acted to prevent the protest from widening by blocking access to her house

But in the early hours of students or infiltrators". | Oghting the NLD, but this | elected members of parlia- | who oppose the country's adlyst in Rangoon said. Ms Suu Kyi appealed yes-terday for international sup-port for the NLD, saying she

had not been allowed to leave ber home since Monday. Speaking by telephone to the former Commonwealth secretary-general Sir Shridath Ramphal in Cape Town, she said: "I would like the world to know that the repression in Burma is getting worse."

She added: "Members of very, very severe persecution

all the time. People are

people have been threatened

evicted from their homes

ment are forced to resign. The size and boldness of the student protest appear to have surprised the Rangoon reminder that student protest ignited democracy demon-

"The tension is based on a

situation which is unre-solved," one diplomat said, referring to student griev-ances. "You can't discount the possibility of things flar

strations in 1988.

ing up again."
The deputy bead of military intelligence, Colonel Kyaw Win, said yesterday that the students were incited by political elements linked to mission to the Association of

about Burma's human rights record and economic unpre

reusin to power went on strike again yesterday — this time in an action which threatens to bring down his government.

An estimated 400,000 miners throughout Russia downed tools for what they said would be an open-ended strike. They are angry at not being paid for many months.

"We're worthless slaves — at least slaves get fed," said Oleg Kushtsy, aged 34, a miner in the Kuzhass region who has not been paid since April. Other workers are angry too: teachers closed several schools on Monday and electricity workers in the South-Bast Asian Nations closed several schools on Monday and electricity workers in the region plan a protest tomorrow.

Interfax news agency said the prime minister. Viktor Chernomyrdin, may fly to Kuzbass to tackle the crisis. Miners' union leaders said yesterday that 49 of the region's 76 pits stopped working or provided just enough coal to supply local convex plants the local administration said no more than nine "They just can't believe

that the students did it, the demonstration was too well organised and too well timed," a diplomat in Ran-goon responded.

The protest came only days after Asean leaders agreed at an informal summit to admit simultaneously Burma, Cambodia and Laos, probably in 1997, setting aside controversy paredness. Critics of the Junta fear its success in winning ad-

### power plants; the local administration said no more than nine mines had gone on strike. — Reider, Kemerovo. Spain's coup leader freed

Russia's miners

strike over pay

THE civil guard colonel who led a coup attempt against Spain's fiedgling democracy by storming the lower house of parliament in 1981 left prison on parole yesterday. Autonio Tejero Molina was released from a jall on the outskirts

Amonio Tejero mainia was released notifia jain to the observed of Madrid after serving 15 years and 9 months of a 30-year sentence, a spokeswoman for his lawyer said. Parole is usually granted after three-quarters of a sentence is served, but Lieutenant-Colonel Tejero was released early after a military judge last month discounted five years for work he had done in jail. Lt-Col Tejero and a group of civil guards officers tried to restore military rule in Spain six years after the death of General Franco by holding MPs, including the then prime minister, Adolfo

Symmes, hostage for nearly 24 hours.

The coup crumbled the next day when King Juan Carlos ordered the officers to return to their barracks. — AP, Modrid.

### Military chiefs discuss Aids

ABOUT 200 Latin American military officers met on Monday to discuss the prevention and treatment of Alds and the disease's

Colonel Carlos Alberto Goncalves, co-ordinator of health issues for the Brezilian armed forces, said his country would begin distributing condoms and information about Aids to new recruits. Brazil has more HIV-positive soldiers than any other Latin American country: 1,396 in a force of about 190,000. Mexico, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay have all sent representatives to the seminar, which ends today.—AP, Brasilia.

### Brad tries for Miss Australia

THE Miss Australia contest has its first male finalist: Brad Rodgers, who won the Victoria state qualifying competition on

Mr Rodgers, aged 27, who will compete under the title Victorian Fundraiser, is the first man to win a place in the finals since the contest started in the early 1950s.

He raised more than A\$100,000 (255,000) for the Spastic Society, which earns about A\$5.0 million a year from the contest for its cerebral palsy centres. A department store manager, he said he hoped that, by dispelling the contest's lingering reputation as a beauty pageant, his participation would encourage other men to enter. — Reuter, Melbourns.

#### Aphrodisiac gum seized

SAUDI ARABIA has seized banned chewing gum and drops which are claimed to improve male sexual performance, a Saudi newspaper reported yesterday. The stimulants, sold discreetly by pharmacies run by "weak souls" in the conservative Muslim kingdom, were apparently smuggled from Israel, the daily al-Equisadian said.

Last year Saudi Arabia executed four Turks for trying to muggle aphrodisiac drugs into the country. — Re

### 91 killed in mine blast

AT LEAST 91 miners died in a ges explosion in a coal mine in Shanxi province, China, the latest in a series of disasters which have prompted national calls for better safety precautions.

Rescue teams have recovered 91 bodies since the explosion a
week ago, a provincial government spokesman, Ni Yuan, said terday. The search for more victims was continuing.

Local hospital officials said it was not known how many were in the Dongoum mine in the north-central town of Guojiayao, near did not report the disaster, and Shauxi's local newspaper reported it several days after it happened. — AP, Beijing.

### Carey welcomed by Pope

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, was welcomed in Rome by the Pope yesterday at the start of what promises to be a highly sensitive visit—the first by an English Primate since the Church of England decided to ordain women.

In a brief exchange of formal greetings with the Pope, Dr Carey stressed the "absolute commitment both of myself personally and also of the Anglican Communion to the full, visible unity of God's Church?"

Church". He reminded the Pope of his own statement, in an encyclical, that Christian unity "stands as the very heart of

Christ's mission".

Addressing the Anglican community in Rome last night, he also ventured into controversial territory by addressing the Alds issue — a delicate matter for the Vatican as it can be used to support contraception. — John Hooper, Rome.

### Bishop saves church worker

AN OFFICE manager for a Roman Catholic diocese who admitted stealing more than \$1.2 million (£800,000) of the Church's money avoided prison after her bishop pleaded for mercy. Vincenza Bologna, aged 53, who worked at the Brooklyn dio-cese's pension office for 32 years, spent the money on boats, cars, college tuition for her sons and holidays to resorts such as Las

man for the diocese, Frank DeRosa, said Bishop

Thomas Daily had expressed the desire that Mrs Bologna should not be sentenced to time in prison. She was given five years' probation, and will pay back the church at least \$235,000. — AP, New York.

### New governor for Gibraltar

A FORMER Foreign Office minister was named as the next governor of Gibraltar yesterday. Sir Richard Luce will take up the job in February, succeeding Sir Bugo White, the Foreign Office

Sam.

Britain and Spain are at diplomatic loggerheads over Gibraltar,
Madrid claiming sovereignty of the rock, and Britain insisting it
can be handed over only with the consent of the local population.

Madrid over only with the consent of the local population. Mr Luce was a junior Foreign Office minister between 1979 and 1985, and held other ministerial posts until 1990. He retired from parliament at the 1992 general election. — Reuter, London.

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# future gameboys

else in the world.

Nintendo, who dominate the market, estimate that

almost every household with a child has a Nintendo famicon (family computer game). The latest 64-bit

model sold 350,000 units within three days of its do-mestic release. From next year, the latest game titles will be available in conve-

nience shops. Game machines have

been blamed for a marked decline in the fitness of Jap-anese schoolchildren and

worsening communication

"When I was growing up

you could go outside to play," said Seiichi Saito,

aged 32. "But now there is no space for that in urban

areas, so kids stay at home and play computer games." After years of criticism. the Nintendo generation

are now in demand. The government has stressed the need for Japan to nur-ture creative individuals, something the mainstream

education system has no-ticeably failed to do.

Software companies offer

game developers salaries starting at about 5 million

yen, while top game design ers now appear in the national tax administra-

tion agency's list of Japan's highest earners. Yoshihiro Ito, a second-

year student at HCS, has al-

ready secured a promise of

employment with a soft-ware house on graduation next March. "Having

get the job I want, rather

than run of the mill office

work. My friends are really

so much," Mr Miyake said. "Just two years ago, the image of a game developer

was of an introspective, ob

"HE international success of Japan's computer-game industry has produced a host of new colleges exclusively for and play computer games aspiring game software in Japan than anywhere developers.

Ten years ago teenagers wanted to grow up to be pop stars. Now more and more of them aim at becoming video game creators," said Shuli Miyake, chief administrative officer at Human Creative School. which was the first specialschool in the world.

The school was estab-lished in Kichijoji, Tokyo, by the software company Human in 1990. A basic

#### More people own and play computer games in Japan than anywhere else in the world

2.6 million yen (£13,700). and gives students the chance to develop their own games under expert supervision. Most go on to join software houses, or establish their own, supplying industry giants such as Nintendo, Sega, Sony and Matsushita.

Despite the emergence of more than 50 rival game colleges, the school has in-creased its intake to 450 and plans to offer a course over the Internet next year. for which it has already had more than 4,000

next March. "Having grown up with video games, I am very lucky to Part of the appeal is the chance to join in Japan's first mainstream success in the international entertain-

ment industry. Since Taito launched envious of me," he said. "Attitudes have changed Space Invaders in 1978, Japan has dominated the global games-machine mar-ket, which is now said to be worth £8.93 billion a year. The short fat plumber sessive geek, but now all sorts of people are interfame, is modern Japan's ested. We look to them to most successful cultural export, having sold 115 mil-

### Japanese foster | La Quina's jailers toss away keys

Mexico's union boss is no angel, but nor are those who trumped up charges against him, writes Phil Gunson in Mexico City

lion software packages worldwide and been made into a Hollywood film. The domestic market has also nurtured a generation of game enthusiasts. It is said that more people own but a shadow of the man who once controlled a billion dollar trade union empire and made Mexican presidents

But Joaquin Hernández Galicia, former head of the oil workers' union (STPRM), is still regarded by President Er-nesto Zedillo's government as enough of a threat by to be kept behind bars for the fore-

seeable future.
This is despite "La Quina",
as he is known, having completed three-fifths of his 13-year sentence for homicide and illegal possession of weapons, and thus being eligible for early release. He is still behind bars, La

Quina maintains, for the same reason he was out there in January 1989 by the then president Carlos Salinas de Gortari — who is now dis-graced and in virtual exile in

"I was an obstacle to the way they wanted to run [the state oil corporation] Pemex." he says. It was, he claims, his opposition to the plecemeal privatisation of Mexican oil that earned him the hatred of

Mr Salinas. La Quina was described by Alan Riding, a former New

HE slight, frail 75-year- old perched on a bed in the hospital wing of the Reclusorio Oriente prison is had begun to believe he was the hospital wing of the receipt the prison is stronger than the extern and serving 30-year serving 30-year there is a representation of the receipt than the extern and serving 30-year serving 30-year serving 30-year there is a representation of the receipt and the stronger than the system and

had successfully blackmailed at least two administrations". Rivals in the STPRM tended to meet violent, unexreduced to meet voicint, unexplained deaths, while many oil union bosses — though not, by most accounts, La Quina himself — led mafia lifestyles.

But rather than arrest him

'I was an obstacle to the way they wanted to run the state oil

corporation'

for a genuine crime the then president allegedly had his people concoct fake crimes, ex-ploiting the Mexican judiciary's notorious unwillingness to challenge the executive. The army was sent to seize La Quina, along with more than 20 innocent bystanders. Weapons — including 200 Uzi sub-machine-guns — were

sentences for a murder they did not commit, are La Quina's gardener, two body-guards and three others who happened to be at the house

seeking work.

Unlike La Quina, all were brutally tortured. According to Amnesty International, which considers the trade union leader a prisoner of conscience, the torture was carried out by senior govern-ment officials in the presence of the then attorney-general. To Morris Tidball, Amnesty researcher on Mexico, the subsequent history of Pemex shows why La Quina had to

be removed.
"More than 100,000 [oil "More than 100,000 [oil workers] lost their jobs," Mr Tidball says, "and several sectors of Pemex were privatised. These were all things he opposed. If he is released today he would still be an obstacle to some of the plans that have been announced in the last veer." the last year."

La Quina says he will not

return to the fray. His doctors say he is suffering from a dozen chronic ailments, Ozi sub-machine guns — were allegedly planted at the scene, and the body of a federal agent who had died in an un-ministry claims he cannot be discredited President Salinas



released since he is not "socially re-adapted", adding that it "cannot take into account arguments of a political

nature". So, with his empire reduced to a white-tiled cell 11ft by 13ft, La Quina can do little but reflect on past glories, watch television and hope his jailers bow to the growing pressure for his release.

 The sacking of Mexico's at-torney-general took on politi-cal overtones yesterday as the two main opposition parties criticised Antonio Lozano

Gracia's replacement. Felips Calderón, head of the center-right National Action Party to which Mr Lozano belonged, objected that the new appointee, Jorge Madrazo Cuellar, had worked under the

### \$24.5m car crash award will bring calls to limit powers of juries

lan Katz in New York

ANWAR SOLIMAN, the millionaire chief executive of a restaurant chain, hardly fits the stereotype of ruined by an egregious act of corporate negligence.

Yet a Texas jury awarded him and another passenger \$24.5 million (£15.5 million) last week for the injuries they suffered in a road accident. Of this, \$10 million was in puni-

a legal system which allows juries hearing civil law actions to award unlimited The collision between three

Dallas/Fort Worth Airport in December 1993 appeared to be the result of bad driving: the first vehicle stopped suddenly, the second swerved to smell and taste as a result of avoid it, and the driver of the the brain and spinal injuries

road. But Mr Soliman, aged 58, who was hurt in the pile-up.
blamed several large flight information signs which had distracted two of the three depressed ever since the

Lawyers for Mr Soliman and a business associate, Ralph Roberts, argued that still walk," he said. "But I'm and a business associate, Ralph Roberts, argued that American Airlines had been repeatedly warned that the

cars on the approach road to roadside signs could be dan-

third was not watching the he received in the accident, he did not lose a week's pay and is now back at work.

rivers.
The Texas jury agreed and projecting American Airlines, told the jury that he could no tive damages.

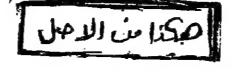
The case is certain to prompt fresh calls for reform a legal system which expected the signs, to pay restaurants and his employ-

not the same person who left that airport."

showing that airport authori-ties were concerned that the signs could cause accidents.
The driver of Mr Soliman's

car, like the driver of the first vehicle, was looking at one of the signs when the crash took Mr Soliman, who is mar-

ried to a former American Airlines stewardess, said he would probably not have sued if the airline had simply agreed to move the signs. Unfortunately the law only gives you monetary com-pensation," he told the Wall Street Journal. "Hopefully this is the language they



### No joke in these gags

#### **Press review**

Serbia

RESIDENT Milosevic's handling of the press is a reminder of how tenuous a hold the indepe media has in this last bas-tion of old-style socialism. The state's policy has been to gag, jam and vility.

For the first 13 days of the run press found other things to write about. The day after 100,000 protesters marched past the Politika daily — the biggest the Pottant daily—the biggest demonstration seen in Belgrade since 1991—the paper carried stories about Yugoslavia's expected upturn and a perky piece on the advantages of Christian Orthodox cuisine.

On Sunday night, the media silence came to an abrupt end when a television commentary warned that the opposition was bent on terrorism and would turn Belgrade into "a new Beirut". It repeatedly showed stone-throwing

All yesterday's state-run press carried editorials reflecting the party line. Po-litika said: "These are not medieval times and the law of the lynch mob is fortu-nately not applicable. Those who there are political. who threw stones at Politiks will be brought to court for their vandalism."

The state's Vecerni Novosti seroed in on the frequent appearance of children at the marches. One expert claimed: "This will have devastating effects on chil-dren's minds."

The opposition Nasa Borba carried an editorial portraying the government's vilifi-cation of the opposition as a egg-throwing citizens. "Ser-bia finally showed it has more eggs than trun-cheons," it concluded.

The authorities have con centrated censorship on the new joint venture tabloid Bitc and independent radio. Last week Bitc was told by its state-owned printers that its print run would be slashed. A shareholders representative wrote a grovelling editorial saying the paper had no wish "to damage Yugoslavia's image abroad", prompting many of Bile's editorial staff to walk out and start their own

Mid-way through the pro-test movement, Belgrade's only independent radio station. B92 found its news traced the ismming to former communist party

It sent its bulletins out on jamming effort had been so successful the police are no

other on their radios. Yesterday morning the jamming stopped. Instead, the Serbian authorities shut B92 down. The station, and the students' Radio Index, both went off the air at 3pm.



Boy rides past burning barricade on the main motorway linking Athens with northern Greece PHOTOGRAPH: YARRES BEHAVIO

### Greece's bitter harvest

Mihalis Kourmousis

and economic conditions, blocking many of the counbroadcasts jammed. B92 try's main motorways and effectively cutting it in half.

Yesterday, farmers erected more barricades on national road and rail links, causing the Internet where it chaos for a sixth day and reported on Sunday that the jumming effort had been so they were inflicting heavy damage on the economy. Queues of trapped international and domestic lorries grew at more than 25

The government is desper-ate to find a way to open the roads before there are shortages of basic goods - which would have disastrous impli-

Athens has tried to avoid agreements. There is a grow-discussing the two main ing trade deficit in agricul-Athens has tried to avoid issues which sparked the dis-pute — fuel prices and the tion of products in which

high cost of caving in.

Realising this, the farmers have sought more achievable targets such as increases in the support prices for cotton, wheat and milk. If they se-cure these demands, they intend to press on with the fuel and debt issues. This seems to

have led to a stalemate.

On Monday, the farmers plan to expand their blockades over more of the country In this situation farmers are seeking to cut their costs by demanding exemption and will be joined by workers in other sectors such as cattle from having to pay the special consumption tax on petrol, a 50 per cent reduction in their farmers, citrus and other electricity tariffs, and the placing of all agricultural supplies in a special VAT bracket. They also want an in-

fruit growers.

The unrest is not just a typical trade union demand for more money but is rather a ages of basic goods — which would have disastrous implications for Greece's economy to is at the end of its tether

EAFYGEPOIVILA and the battle against following recent European the position of the farmers ap-

Tescheduling of about farmers have continued their protests against fuel protests against fuel protests against fuel protests. But now against fuel protests against fuel protest against fuel protests against fuel protest against fuel protests against fuel protests against fuel protest against fuel while programmes to diver-sify crops have been aban-doned. Promises of earlier retirement for farmers have

pears to be hardening and they are considering blockeding large towns and cities. The action has until now been centred around Larisa in cen-

### Nerves fray in the Elysée

Germany's weary carping over monetary union is pushing France to the end of its tether. argues Fredy Gsteiger

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assured and sensi-tive nation. She does not need Germany telling her what to do. Yet this is precisely how Bonn is behaving. Paris can do what it likes — but the government across the Rhine always knows better: it must do this, and ahandou that.

With striking regularity, Frankfurt's monetary goard-ians and Bonn's politicians are drawing attention to: France's shortcomings, making thinly veiled threats: if you cannot fulfil this and that criteria then, we are sorry to say, Germany cannot accept you as a partner in economic and monetary union (EMU). Small wonder Germany has

become a thorn in France's flesh. Week in, week out, the Trench are being lectured by Theo Walgel, the finance minister, that "3 per cent means 3 per cent", and that strict limitations should be imposed on the budget deficit. Should the Bundesbank president, Hans Tietmeyer, be allowed to crack the monetary whip relentiessly while unasham edly promoting Germany's budgetary and political ends? French politicians in favour

of EMU are increasingly out-raged at the torrent of com-plaints and self-righteous ad-vice coming from Germany. One minister describes the situation as "extremely deli-cate", another talks of "a highly critical moment" and advisers in the Elysée are feeldegree of bitterness". This time there is no clash

of personalities. On the contrary, Jacques Chirac and Helmut Kohl seem to get on well. No, it is much more serious: the whole substance at stake. At precisely the time when the financial markets are predicting that invest-ment in the euro currency will begin on deadline, Bonn and Frankfurt appear to be distancing themselves from

new hurdles and imposing higher conditions which are almost impossible to fulfil. Paris feels snubbed. President Chirac can scarcely make a suggestion without being reproached by Germany if Valery Giscard d'Estaing publicly voices his thoughts on a devaluation of the creation of the control of French Republic can hardly be accused of laxity. Furthermore, a real cul-tural revolution is taking the euro over the dollar, this is seized on with horror now

while German budgetary flex-initity is regarded as "cre-ative accountancy", the French are castigated for fid-Bonn politicians are saying one thing and are under pres-

they want to water down the Massiricht criteria. And

Must all Europeans now have their economic policies dictated by

Germany?

sure to do another. On the one hand, they have preached to the voters that the deutsch-mark will have to be sacrified in the interests of European unity; on the other, they have committed themselves to ensuring that the euro becomes at least as strong as the mark. Today, even Germany herself would be unable to fulfil the sacrosanct Maastricht criteria. Yet the politicians in Bonn cannot deviate from their promises without caus-

ing unrest at home.
The mark has become the state religion, but should France have to pay for this obsession? Must it accept all the blame, simply because the German government has talked itself into a corner? Above all must all Europeans now have their economic policies dictated by Germany?
Distinctly lacking on the

part of Germany is a funda-mental appreciation of the radical changes which France

strengths in terms of mone-tary discipline and budgeting over the last 14 years. For five years France has maintained lower inflation

than Germany, and the franchas been stable for much longer than the mark. Until recently, it would have been inconceivable for the National Bank to be indepen-dent. Subsidies have been cancelled, enterprises privatised, employment programmes cut back. The

place. The French have been expected to break with many traditions and dispense with various safety nets almost overnight. From a highly cen-tralised state, France is trans-forming fiself into a decen-tralised, liberal market economy. The French are un-familiar with political, let alone economic liberalism. Liberalisation and globalisa-tion, deregulation and priva-tisation: for France, these are

dirty words.

The French have a different history and a different relationship with the state. Now, citizens are being asked to depend on it no longer. For the man on the street, this is difficult to accept. It is not surprising that resistance to the necessary austerity mea-sures is stronger in France than elsewhere

Some even delude themselves they can ignore globalisation. Indeed one can find advocates of a quite different policy both within the Gauliists and on the left wing of the

For Jacques Chirac and Alain Juppe it is not easy to steadfastly adhere to the pre-scribed cure under such diffithis, they are committed to it. But every criticism from French as a knock sideways. Admittedly, France has al-- but at the moment this sensitivity is justified. Ger-

many is promoting its own self-interest too loudly, and praising the efforts of its most important partner too soilly.
One can only emphatically urge Germans who are in favour of monetary union nerves - to refrain from pointing the finger like a headmaster. Theo Waigel and

### Jonathan Steele on why the West sees Red when it looks at the leader of Belarus

### The bear's cub stirs next door

HE STRANGE thing a few percentage points could have meant the turnout was thoritarian constitution too low to ensure the Russian which the Belarus president, Alexander Lukashenko, has just had endorsed by referendum is its similarity to Boris Yeltsin's. Indeed, whole sections — particularly those which give the president rish, denied the friendly ad-Yeltsin's. Indeed, whole sec-tions — particularly those enormous powers and reduce vice of the International Mon-parilament to impotence etary Fund and a seet in the are taken verbatim from the Russian text

The way it was adopted also bears the hallmarks of Russia's December 1993 referendum. Just like Yeltsin, Lukashenko allowed no opponents

The Belarus president is the only leader of post-Soviet eastcampaign against the referendum. Out of 2,249 minutes of temerity to resist privatisa-broadcasting devoted to the tion. He re-nationalised most issue, not one reflected the parliament's point of view. Allegations of fraud cropped up in both countries. In Russia the margin of victory was much narrower and a shift of

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Why, then, has the West used Lukashenko's long-run-

ning struggle with parliament Council of Europe? The reasons have little to do with Lukashenko's lack of democracy and much to do with the market economy and Western foreign policy imperatives.

ern or central Europe with the banks, has prevented shops being sold off to their managers, and insists that the state and collective farms (of which he was once a chairman) continue to supply them.

fers many of Russia's market traumas even Lukashenko's opponents concede that inequalities are less glaring, crime is lower, and the mafia

shenko wants to forge a union with Russia and maintain a military link. Although he has sent the last nuclear mis-siles back to Russla, the West not sure where to turn. The treats him as a menace.
"You can't marry the Belar-



Lukashenko ... deflantly

told Russian TV viewers a few days before the referendum in a none-too-subtle bid to explain why he needed to follow Yeltsin's 1993 example. Even less diplomatically, he promised not to use tanks against his parliament. Lukashenko is a combina-

tion of Russia's three strong men. He has Yeltsin's vanity and tactical skills, Zhirinlack of tact, and Zyuganov's Soviet nostalgia.

It is an odd combination which has split his opponents. The parliamentary leadership less prevalent. Street-pegging and homelessness are rare, and prices in the shops are between a half and a third of the president's grab for power. The old Communists who led lans teamed up with the pro-market liberals in denouncing glades could have been

younger ones are centred in the few independent busineses ussian parliament to the Rus- and the opposition media. lives on around them.

Others have clung to the presi-dential honey-pot, though not always for long. As in Russia, slesse and un-

crease of 150,000 tonnes in the EU milk quota for Greece.

also been forgotten while the

livestock sector is being deci-

accountable power occupy the space where democratic debate and the public interest ought to be. Like Yeltsin, Lu-kashenko has expanded the presidential bureaucracy into an apparatus larger than the old Central Committee. He runs the country via a host of non-budgetary funds. "He has three bases of sup-

port", says Pyotr Martsev, a thirty-something former Young Communist League official who edits a business

There are the cronies to whom he has given the best properties in Minsk, tourist complexes and holiday homes; vorkers in the state secto who are on his payroll; and some businessmen who worked with him and got tax privileges and the rights to mport goods without customs

duties The handful of genuine democrats are left stranded. Stanislav Shushkevich, who headed the parliament until Lukashenko toppled him in 1994, still hopes that progres-sive politics will one day have a place in Belarus.

It seems quixotic. The sad-dest place in Minsk is the old where Stalin's police shot hundreds of thousands between 1939 and 1941. Unturned into a national monument. But in its two years of the party before 1991 are on Lukashenko's side, as are the elderly rank and flie.

The new rich, and those children and other visitors could come and learn to dis-tance themselves from their country's authoritarian past. Instead, in twisted form it

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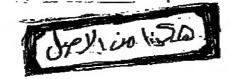
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### **United again (for now)**

The Tories close ranks: until the next Euro-split

mad? Not quite, but they seem to be Tory rumour mills suggested that the Prime Minister was about to make a out British entry into the single currency in the lifetime of the next Parliament. The usual sources (those close to Central Office, perhaps?) told the usual newspapers, which, anxious to believe their own prejudices, swallowed the story. Yesterday, even the Financial Times joined them. But in the Commons a few hours later. John Major denied it in the most categorical terms it is possible to imagine. The Government, he repeated, stood unequivocally exactly where he has said since April that it stood, refusing again to rule Britain out of the euro.

End of story? If only, from the Tories' point of view, that it were so. The reason why the party is aflame with these excitements is that Labour has called their bluff over the single currency referendum. The result is that the Tory sceptics are desperate to find a fresh basis on which to differentiate and stuck to it. For a brief period, as a their party from Labour over Europe. That means, they believe, that they must force the Government to commit started arguing about Europe again. itself against the single currency for the The inevitable consequence was yesternext Parliament. But they are unable to day's bad poll result. If you believe the do so because, as they see it, Kenneth | psephologists' charts (which not many Clarke stands between them and their objective. Hence all the stirring against the Chancellor a fortnight ago, and overall majority in the Commons of hence vesterday's preposterous rituals around 190. To the sceptics, that means in the Commons, when Mr Clarke was | that they must lurch into a further antisummoned to make the first-ever report on the floor of the House about proceed-consequence would be the resignation ings at the regular meetings of the of the Chancellor, the collapse of the European Union finance ministers, the Government and an early election. Is Ecofin group. As Mr Clarke rightly that really what they want? The said, the discussions at Ecofin were answer, amazing to relate, is that, in precisely on the basis that the Govern- some cases, it is. It may not be time to

ment has always announced. The problem for the Tories is that the should certainly be put on standby.

ARE THE Conservatives completely sceptics don't believe a word of it. They are forever dreaming up fresh fantasies getting that way. At the weekend, the about the preparations for monetary union, forgetting that the Chancellor is absolutely right to insist, as again he fresh démarche on Europe, by ruling has always done, that the third stage of out British entry into the single curain whether we are in or out. Mr Clarke is right to say that there were no dragons to slay at Ecofin. His report yesterday was a model of what any Chancellor ought to say at this stage of the preparations. But that, of course, is not what the sceptics (and their mysterious briefing friends) want to believe.
John Major, Kenneth Clarke and
Michael Heseltine successfully hosed the party down yesterday. But it will only last until the next time. The Tory Party is truly its own most effective

> Yesterday, we published a poll which showed that, after a brief closing of the gap during the autumn, the Tories are once again 19 points behind Labour. The Tories' November recovery had result, they prospered in the polls. Then, three weeks ago, the Tories people do, though perhaps they should), Labour currently stands to have an call the men in white coats yet, but they

### Preserving the best of the NHS

But Labour still needs to match Tory spending promises

LABOUR produced its latest health pro- | tation, increased b posals yesterday — but wrapped them in two separate book covers. Which would you prefer? In the Daily Mirror, the shadow health secretary set out his strategy for restoring the NHS to the Labour: the last thing the NHS needs structure which was known and loved: now is another major upheaval five no sharp-elbowed internal market, no GP fundholders with the money to let their patients queue jump, fewer bureaucrats. All the old ideals would be rhetoric is regrettable. The comprorestored: co-operation instead of competition, an integrated rather than fragmented service, the right of GPs to refer patients to hospitals of their choice reestablished. But in a seminar with all require managers (so much for cuthealth professionals yesterday, Chris Smith's changes took on a quite differ- ing health authorities will recreate a ent hue: the purchaser/provider split regional tier (when the party is supwould remain; so would GP fund-holders in many shire areas; and a GP's system); and worst of all, the party has freedom of referral would still be restrained.

What's going on? An old story: Labour continues to provide separate visions to the two audiences which have to be won over in the health debate: the public, for whom the NHS remains high on its issues of concern; and the health professionals, with whom a future Labour government will "turning the clock back" because there poor management, unacceptable variations in access to treatment, too little too: greater inequality, more fragmen- increases year on year on year.

plete with gagging clauses that have turned a national health system into a national stealth service.

There is a further problem for years after the last. That is why Labour's evolutionary approach is welcome even if its feigned revolutionary mises which Labour has been forced to make are uncomfortable and will produce some awkward results: the 1,000 new commissioning groups of GPs will ting bureaucracy); the merger of existbeen so concerned to pacify GPs that it was already clear yesterday that it had alienated other primary health-care professionals - nurses, midwives, health visitors - who feel marginalised in the new commissioning process. Ironically, the Tories now look more modern than Labour with their recent promise to give more responsibility to other primary-care team members. have to work. There is no point in Labour should quickly rectify this last gaffe. More seriously, it needs to match was a lot wrong with the old model: the Tory spending promise. Honouring next year's settlement is meaningless -Labour can hardly take away money note taken of patient preferences. There already promised. What it must do is is a lot wrong with the present system | match the Tory five-year promise: real

### How to reduce road rage

One solution is to give cars a bit more body language

ROAD RAGE - which claimed its lat- | when required. But part of the problem est tragic victim this week — is an alliteration that is barely two years old. impersonal with misleading body lan-The police are right to point out that it guage. When they hoot, it is seen as doesn't officially exist and that violent aggressive, even though the driver may crimes involving cars are covered by existing legislation. If the phrase road rage or its derivatives - like trolley ding-dong for friendly messages and a rage at supermarkets or job-centre aggression at employment offices - is taken to imply diminished responsibility then that is wrong: violence is violence. Yet many people admit some thing happens to them when they strap themselves into a space they deem their own in cars when they are more likely to assume an aggression and posses siveness otherwise suppressed. A recent driver survey found that 42 per pressing a button? Persuasive measures cent had sworn at other drivers and almost half had been "tailgated".

One theory is that, protected behind glass, drivers view other people as characters in a video game to be zapped ings. Well, most of them.

have been trying to draw attention to a flat tyre. Why not have two pitches - a normal hoot for warnings? Front lights are also ambiguous. One recent case of road rage (which ended in death) started because a driver thought he was being "flashed", even though the car following was merely going over an undulating road. In this electronic age why can't simple messages (like 'sorry" or "please don't drive so close" be flashed on the surface of the car by have done a lot to reduce drinking and driving. There's no reason why similar approach couldn't reduce road rage. Car drivers are, after all, human be-



Letters to the Editor

### A little legal lesson

ONTRARY to David Hart (Don't sue the teacher, December 3), I say: do sue, but the LEA, not the teacher. Legal, not political, action is the way to ensure one's rights, as the any damages they would win a stalled, I would take the contractors to court, if necessary, to gain compensation. It is exactly the same principle.

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(Rev) Brian O'Neill. Americans have rightly per-ceived. The 1944 Education Act laid upon perents the key duty to cause every child to receive "efficient, full-time education suitable to his age, ability and aptitude" (Section 36). There was a correspond-ing obligation, repeated in the 1993 Act (Section 192), on the LEA to secure a child's attendance at a school which fulfils

this criterion of suitability.
Professor A H Halsey
pointed out in your columns
on January 18, 1994 that that
provision had never been properly implemented by LEAs and that their foot-drag-ging over Statements of Special Educational Need was provoking parents to sue them. The LEAs were more concerned with controlling their finances than with satis-

fying needs.
This accusation seems to be borne out when, apparently, the providers — David Hart for the teachers and Graham Metropolitan Authorities that if a court decides that they were at fault, then these mean litigants will force the poor, pious providers to do even worse by the rest of their customers . . . M E Martin. Oakland Close,

Liverpool L21 8PS.

The Bel tolls

Elunkett says this is because any damages they would win would be better spent on bringing the school up to scratch (Insurers pledge to resist lawsuits on exam results December \$1 If his

save millions of pounds? Blunkett's proposed legisla-tion would sweep away the rights of vulnerable people and lay the foundations of future injustice in our schools, where even the most blatant negligence would be exempt from action.

He dare not oppose the requirement for schools to provide more information. but he intends to ensure stu-dents can't put the informa-

HY is everyone shocked at the prospect | Tamworth, Staffs B78 2NW. defend their system against of litigation by students from the consumers on the basis "failed schools"? The 1988 Education Reform Act and its long train of subsidiary acts is based upon the fundamental assumption that education is a commodity and therefore part of the market culture. Pupils and their parents are now consumers of education and, as all consumers, have

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results, December 3). If his argument has any validity in a school context, which I doubt, doesn't it have even more force in the context of medical negligence, where an exemption for hospitals could with their friends rather than doing their homework? doing their homework? E T Shepherd.

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OW long will it be before teachers start suing those parents who neglect their duty of care in bringing up their children? I refer to the parents of the badly behaved children who go on to disrupt the orderly learning environment which can lead to under-achievement by other children.

Brian P Moss. 93 Mill Crescent.

ERHAPS the time has come for schools to consider suing any pupil who fails to achieve the magic five A- to C-grade GCSEs on the grounds of bringing the chool into disrepute? Tony Purcell.

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#### Lisa Jardine and the rape of our cultural heritage

ISA Jardine's ruling is certainly clear: banish "graphic representations of acts which violate, harm or humiliate anybody" (It may be art, but is it violence, December 2 Letters, November 3). Basements of museums round the world will be filled. round the world will be filled with a substantial fraction of European art, from Breughel to Bacon. Photo-journalism does not even have the excuse of being art, so those horrifying scenes of the liberation of Belsen or of the screaming Vietnamese girl running down the road scorched with napalm ought never to have been published.

Christians will probably point out that the purpose of a crucifix is not to encourage crucifixion, nor has it often had that effect; the Belsen photographs are understood by most people as a powerful plea that such events should never occur again, though of

never occur again, though of course they have not ensured that. Jardine's ruling completely ignores any distinction between what an image depicts and what it means.

She might win more support for her cause if she restricted it to images that giorified violence. However, even that somewhat milder rolling should be rejected Oh. policy should be rejected. Obectionable images should be objected to, but not banned. Anthony Matthew. 83 Clarendon Park Road,

Leicester LE2 3AH.

cause they fought the English, thus doing them harm? What will be left? Portraits of aldermen and Dutch still-

lives, perhaps. Gerald Morgan. Rhiwlas, Cliff Terrace. Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 2DN.

HAVE not seen the (other) painting of the Sabines in Oxford Town Hall, which Lisa Jardine says the women councillors want to "remove into storage". If it was removed to the Ashmolean museum, more people could see it and come to their own opinion; but if it is hidden away, how can I, or anyone else, reach an informed judg-

Christopher Rollason.

GO to see Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Lisa, and Dallimore (14). 263 Hills Road Cambridge CB2 2RP.

We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear

Empire bare-knuckle heavy-

weight champion John Gully punched his way out of the

OR 30 years I have blamed Jack Straw for painting the slogan "Dick Knowles and John Anson: Enemies Of The Working Class" on the pave-ment outside 9 Queen Square, Leeds, when I was secretary of Leeds Labour Party and John Anson was the Yorkshire regional organiser. Jack has always denied it. It must have been Bel Littlejohn, though I am surprised that she could spell "enemies" correctly.

So Bel Littlejohn has solved another mystery (November 29). The 6ft graffiti slogan on the wall of Leeds University, "Organise For Anarchy", bore the tag "BI", which I always thought was that of the then Labour candidate for Moortown in the 1965 municipal election (Bernard Ingham). I now realise that the tag was "BL". My belated apologies to both comrade Jack and com-rade Bernard. It was that mili-tant feminist Bel all the time. (Citr) Sir Richard Knowles. Birmingham City Council, 64 Woodgate Lane.

SLEEPING in socks and pullover while the dog de-serts its basket outside the bedroom for the warmth of the cooker (That little white pow-der makes my day, December Roy Hattersley has forgot-ten the basic rules of surviving an icy night without centra heating the socks and the pull over go by the cooker so that they are warm to put on in the morning, the dog goes in the bed. (Any accompanying goose feathers a bonus). Diana Vowies. 38 Keslake Road,

London NW6 6DL

Birmingham B32 3QY.

IF Eric Morley is right in say-ling that "intelligence is the main factor" in judging Miss World contestants (Letters. November 29), then can we look forward to the title being won next year by Germaine Greer, Iris Murdoch or Bar bara Castle instead of a young and shapely supermodel? Chris Wilis. English Department, Birkbeck College, Maiet Street, London WC1E 7HX.



### Between opinion and poll

the accuracy of opinion polls (Polls apart on the voting

slips, December 2). First, neither of the polling methods he describes addresses the circumstances encies. Were I to be tele phoned, I should give a confi-dent "Liberal Democrat" response, but my local cir-cumstances might lead me to vote Conservative (if to do so appeared to provide a greater chance of a balanced Parlia-ment) or Labour (for the same reason). Others might have different reasons for casting a tactical vote.

ICK Sparrow, of pollsters any check is made on whether the respondent is an factors in his discussion of elector (le on the register). An estimated 4 per cent of those entitled to register have not done so. He also disregards the matter of postal voters and twice-registered people, from students to second-home

Finally, he fails to discuss the ultimate nonsense of our first-past-the-post lottery: that the winner of the most votes does not necessarily take the most seats because there is no necessary link between votes cast and seats won. A great deal more adjustment is Tony Ewens

### Next, he doesn't tell us if Hornby, Lancaster LA2 8NA.

No bonus for the Lottery PETER Davis, director-gen-eral of the National Lot-tery, felt able to challenge (Letters, December 2) the sugestion made in your columns that the Government had conducted no research into the impact of the National Lottery on individuals.

But Mr Davis made the reality clear. His office had conducted research so the Government was off the hook. The ostensible independence of the Lottery regulator appears to be as genuine as the independence of all the other regulators, appointed by the Government, paid by it, and as answerable to that patronage as any other placeman. Doreen Simpson. 6 Park Drive,

Heaton, Bradford BD9 4DR.

NSURING that Lottery players have what he calls an "informed choice" hasn't caused Peter Davis to prevent Camelot promoting the Lottery as a way of making contributions to worthy causes, using such happy sloganeer-ing as 'Fun for you; funds for projects like these" and leading people perhaps to think a bigger slice of the Lottery is going to charitable causes than is actually the case.

This is odd, because Mr Davis's office agreed an advertising code of practice with Camelot which, in theory, prevents Camelot suggesting that Lottery funds are a substitute for direct

Paul Buttle. 18 Brewery Lane, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5LJ.

### Terry Marsh on the ropes

ANY election victory by ex-champion Marsh will be very old hat indeed. Back in 1836, Bristol-born, British THE Terry Marsh of your article (In the yellow cor-ner, December 2) is very different from the Terry Marsh I remember at Labour Party meetings in Poplar and Canning Town last year. I was London debtors' prison, where he had celebrated his then chair of the CLP and I don't remember Terry saying anything at all.

His decision is quite perverse. Anyone who knew the former Lib-Dem council in Cower Hamlets would know that the Lib Dems are not the answer to Britain's problems. Randal Smith. 7 Corbin House Bromley High Street,

London E3.

WHY is Terry Marsh standing as Lib-Dem candidate for Basildon? It is a seat he cannot possibly win By splitting the opposition vote he will make the chances of a Tory victory that much Bruce Kent.

Co-chairman Grot (Get Rid Of Them). 6 Cynthia Street, London N1 9JF.

21st birthday, to become MP for Pontefract. He sat for five Investing his ring earnings wisely, Gully bought three Yorkshire coalmines and used the profits to rear and raise two Derby-winning racehorses — St Giles and An-dover. A millionaire by the time of his death in 1862 he received a posthumous showbusiness honour 120 years later when Henry Cooper im-

personated him in a movie. So, even if the champagne corks pop down Basildon way on election night for Terry Marsh, Yorkshire's Pontefract electorate could be for-given for having vague feeling of déjà vu. Brian Donald.

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#### A Country Diary •••••••••••

FORT TROLLHIEM: Pale, luminous daylight spreads from invisible dawns, trapped in nets of fog. floating through the rolling Devon countryside. A huge, black poplar looms from the misty banks of the River Otter. Its dark, knobbly boughs rake a bright blue sky above. Slowly, the fogs draw back into watermeadows and the last smoky wraiths are sucked into the streams. Oaks and beeches hold their burnished gold in winter sunshine. Smoke curls from fires. Dogs bark, voices, drums and flutes peal out into the morning. Up the muddy track through pasture. Fort Trollbiem stands atop a little flinty hill on the edge of a plantation of tall, dark firs. Crossing the rickety ladder over the palisades is like crossing into another time.

Inside this little hill-fort are tarpaulin-covered dwellings, gardens and communal living areas. Fort Trollhiem, one of three camps near Ottery St | they are prepared for the Mary, is part of the longest-running road protest in Eng-

land. When built, the new A30 extension will smash through woods and copses, shear through rolling hills and be carried across the watermeadows on huge concrete pillars. It's hard to imagine a more devastating testimony to 20th century brutality in this landscape. Beneath Fort Trollhiem, in the path of this road, is a warren of tunnels and chambers where the pro-testers will lock themselves to concrete blocks to resist evicton by the bailiffs and delay the road-builders. The evictions could begin any day now. Life in the camps follows the natural rhythms of the day, until night falls and great, dark sweeps of rain wash over the woods and meadows. But under the mud and roots the burrowing trolls are ready. With a courage that seems so in tune with the beauty of the land they have vowed to protect, in their subterranean darkness siege.

PAUL EVANS

Matthew Norman

N what theatre critics will come to see as the most significant por-trayal of a British politician since David Hare's Kinnock in The Absence Of War, Environment Secretary Little Gum Gum is the central character in a new play. Those eager to see it must make their way at once to Hungary, where tonight, at the University of Budapest, at B For Beef: Buy British will be staged. The part of Little Gum Gum, known in it more respectfully by the name "Gum Gum", is taken hame "Gum Gum", is taken by Gergely Biro, a student. In the production, which is set in Shropshire, India and finally Brussels, it is Gum Gum's force-feeding of less than same beef to his dozen. than same beef to his daugh-ter that summons the god Krishna (the author, Rani Drew, is Hindi), who saves the child and then the dis-eased national herd, which he leads "out of the land of abuse and violation to their homeland in Brindaban in India". Plans to turn the play into a major film have been put on hold, apparently, due to the unavailability of Hollywood's first choice for Gum Gum, the late Charles Hawtrey.

Val Kilmer is standing by. EL Mooney, my old friend from the 60s, writes a Daily Mail "essay" reconciling her lib-erality with the desire to censor films like Crash. However, in an otherwise tence leaves the door open to misinterpretation when she writes that the tone of Gillian Freeman's 1967 treatise on pornography was "as terminally flippant as a typical Guardian column today". Bel would, I know, want to make it absolutely clear that she was in o way referring to the

N Intriguing possibil-ity surrounds the vacant editorship of the Times Educational Supplement, the teacher's bible. Word has it that, although the favourite remains Peter Wilby, who edited the Independent on Sunday with such distinction, another fancied runner is now the Observer col-umnist Melanie Phillips. Since savaging the entire profession, which she de-scribed as being "in a slough of low expectations and underachievement", in her book All Must Have Prizes, Ms Phillips has become the country's leading hate figure for teachers, and her appointment would be the loose equivalent of putting the Dewhurst family in charge of Britain's vegans. The TES is oddly coy about the matter, the current deputy editor refusing to confirm the existence of a short list. It does exist, though, and Ms Phillips is on it.

PRESS release arrives about a recent dinner at Claridge's to launch the first new cigar to come out of Havana for a decade. Even though Lord Wyatt of Weeford was of the party, it would be indefensibly rash to name the cigar until its importer, Hunters & Frankau, has sent a box of 25, or indeed 50, for samtation for exhaustive research was not won without effort, and it will not lightly be jeopardised now.

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Y new friend Sir Tim Bell has vanished. Sir Tim, you will relunchtime to come back swiftly with a response from Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, after the Diary informed him that our sources confirm the story about the solitary voiding of the bladder during the in-terval of Jesus Christ Superstar's recent first night. We are not prepared, quite yet, to do red alert. However, in the light of precedent with Tory PR charac ters (I need remind no one of the kidnapping, and subsequent replacing by robotic clone, of Dr Julian Lewis), we are mightily concerned.

YOUNG Scotsman arrested in Rotherham
has added racism to his offences, Police maga-zine reports, after shouting "you English bastard" at the officer who charged him with being drunk and disorderly. The feelings of the officer, PC Stefano Glusepp Gilardoni, are not recorded

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### Abortion debate is still a minefield

### Commentary **Catherine** Bennett

OR the first time in OR the first time in at the next election. Its object is party politics, by obliging party politics, by obliging their target MPs to make their ta abortion obsessives are in good heart. Since the early summer, hardly a week has gone by without an opportunity for the champions of foetal preeminence to excoriate doctors or to threaten politicians, to reprimand unhappy women or, time permitting, to pro-mote the religion which inspires their cause. Better still, the media have

become willing to listen: Af-fecting stories of "innocent" babies" now attract the kind of tender, journalistic interest which was once reserved for trapped kittens and imper-illed donkeys. Last week, a 14-year-old whose feat was to re-fuse to accept an award from

side." Phyllis Bowman, the director of SPUC exulted recently, "and you've even got the Guardian running an article calling for IVF to be abolished." Capitalising on this apparent support for their cause, pro-emity activists have devised a more emity. ista have devised a more ambitious wheeze, the Pro-Life
Alliance, which plans to field
50 parliamentary candidates
at the next election. Its object

Life Alliance will reap from Life Alliance will reap from the scheme. Its own spokes-persons concede that they will probably not win any seats; and as for sympathy, repeated surveys suggest that the majority of voters support women's right to abortion. Last summer, after lavish and emotive coverage of the de-frosted IVF embrace of the her-

least three papers on our side." Phyllis Bowman, the director of SPUC exulted recently, "and you've even act the Greatly street that it is infanticide.

Alliance presumably rest on the fact that this widespread tolerance is rarely reflected in public life. In the House of Commons, for example, the 1967 (pro-choice) Act is supported by a majority of only 296 to 254. Similarly, many recent media reports have lingered on the flaming rhetoric of pro-lifers, whether they are churchmen, politicians or full-time activists, while the also to earn themselves a party political broadcast, in order to disgust viewers with scenes of late-termination carnage.

Apart from making viewers squirm, it is hard, at first, to see what advantage the Pro-Life Alliance will rean from

some of the most tasteless and bizarre statements by pro-life extremists go unchallenged.

Jack Scarisbrick, the chairman of Life, was respectfully reported when he insisted that Mandy Allwood must be kept "out of the hands of the killers" (har doctors), and allowed to carry all eight foctuses as a matter of pro-life principle. "People will see the row of children alongside her in bed and will say how

is by definition a failure, for | will remain hysterical, polarall a sadness, and for some a disaster. So very few of the four out of 10 women who are estimated (by the Birth Control Trust) to have endured an abortion are likely to adver-tise the fact, or to throw themselves into public campaigning, or even to tell their friends and family. It's why The hopes of the Pro-Life few women write, personally, to object when they are accused of being murder-esses, or of being like Herod, or like Hitler's eugenicists, or like guards in a concentration

> in the sheence of such protest, MPs who are pro-choice have a still greater duty to de-fend the interests of the

> Most people, though they may consider abortion a grave action, do not believe that it is infanticide

majority of voters from the agitation of dogmatic extremists. Instead, there is virtual silence. Last Saturday, Janet Anderson, who is apparently Labour's "spokeswoman on liled donkeys. Last week, a 14year-old whose feat was to refrosted IVF embryos, the harfuse to accept an award from
pro-choice Barbara Follett
was introduced to readers as
an exemplary, if hardly representative specimen of British
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ised between two equally un-representative camps. How many, outside the Catholic Church, share Cardinal Win-ning's belief that the termination of a foetus of a few weeks is equivalent to the annihilation of a five-year-old child at Dumblane Primary?

It is equally hard to believe that many women would now subscribe to this assertion from Jane Roe of the Abortion Law Reform Association: "As far as we are concerned it is irrelevant what the foetus looks like until it is capable of existence outside a womb." Contrary to pro-life propaganda, advances in foetal medicine and ultrasound medicine and ultrasound scans have made it harder, not easier, for women to regard foetuses as humps of indeterminate matter. There are those, for example, who believe abortion should be considered in the constant of the constant

available on request up to 12 weeks, but after that only in exceptional circumstances.

Beliefs about abortion are as varied, as private and as individual as all other spiri-tual convictions. Tony Blair was right when he appealed for abortion not to become a party political issue. In a sec-ular state there is no reason for conflict between his own personal opposition to abortion and his pro-choics voting record.

### baby died as a result of this country). Given that any prochoice statement is likely to choice statement is likely to choose statement is likely to choose statement is likely to lead to tirades from Roman ance of coverage is, no doubt, that no one in their right mind could ever be "miltantly pro-abortion" — a phrase much favoured by the pro-life movement. Abortion But if no one does, the debate is by definition a full of the could be considered by the pro-life movement. Abortion But if no one does, the debate is by definition a full of the could be considered by the pro-life movement. Abortion But if no one does, the debate is by definition a full of the could be considered by the cons here, you die



David McKie

delighted.

ECIL PARKINSON'S late-80s dream of festooning the land with 220 billion-worth of new roads took a further post-Thatcher-ite pounding in last month's Budget — the fourth year in a row that this programme has been cut. "A hit-and-run Bud-

They weren't dancing in the Midlands. They could hardly even dance on the pavements, so close does the traffic pass. On the bend in the road by the had to find £18,000 to replace a wall wiped out by a heavy lorry) there's no pavement at all. The church lets schoolchildren take a cut through For 30 years, Collingbourne

Ducis, on a stretch of road where the A338 and the A346 briefly combine, has wanted a bypass. For the past six years the Collingbourne Ducis Bypass Action Group has agi-tated for relief. Until recently it seemed to be making progress. Wiltshire County Coun-cil had organised an exemplary local consultation of the village backing a route to the west. Then this autumn came the news that the coun-cil had changed its mind. The relief of Collingbourne Ducis had been struck from the pro-

So the lorries keep coming.

The Tibbet and Britten Group; Tesco; Iceland; Allied Distributors—rumbling and clanking pest pretty thatched cottages reached by bridges across a stream. This, ironically, is a conservation area. ent as it was, you can hardly lop a tree - you certainly can't change your front door without breaking the rules.
 But there's no such restraint on road hauliers. The village reckons that at peak more than 11,000 vehicles pass through in a 12-hour period, some 11 per cent of which are heavy lorries. The county council quotes more modest figures, but that's because third of Collingbourne's tyr-

now travel in the early morning partly because they service shopping precincts where access is only permitted before shopping hours. Morlands of Abingdon. Spillers Milling. Thames Val-

ley Eggs. Iceland, again. As national supermarkets squeeze out local traders, as the search for cheap food eliminates the local supplier, so the procession through Collingbourne Ducis becomes more and more swollen by conveyers of food and drink....Quartermain's Transport.
Robert Lee (London) Ltd.
Woolworth's, "right up your street for value". Except, of course, that Woolworth's are up somebody else's street, not Collingbourne's. It is others get catastrophe," raged the RAC. Conservationists, though, like Friends of the Earth, were reported to be disruption. It is others in bigger settlements who get the benefit, and villages like this which pay the price in disruption. It isn't only the noise and pollution: it's the sense of being in enemy occustreets in Collingbourne pation. The merciless lorries bucis, however. Not that they'd dance in the street road are like an invading there at any time. If they did army. And it's going to get they'd be swiftly mown down much, much worse. Traffic by some monster juggernaut nationally is expected to speeding dairy produce to the Midlands. They could hardly crease will be even faster in counties like Hampshire and On the bend in the road by the close to the border) which are church (which has recently destined to take the highest share of the 4.4 million nev homes we are told we will need in the next 20 years. If it isn't given bypasses, this traf-fic will invent its own, as it's the churchyard. If it didn't, already doing across clogged-there would be funerals. up Wiltshire, where even un-classified roads now find themselves thronged by lor-ries escaping from overloaded

DVANCED electronic gadgetry is promised to enable drivers stuck in jams to find alternative routes — ensuring that minor roads and villages not yet afplary local consultation flicted will very soon share which led to some 80 per cent the fate of Collingbourne Ducis. And now we learn that the Government is ready to sanction the use of 44-tonne lorries, arguing that bigger lorries ought to mean fewer lorries. Yet in practice the use of bigger lorries is just as likely to mean a further shift of business from rail to road. If you go on pouring traffic on to a road system which cannot hope to cope with it, sonmething will burst. It may be the tolerance of the victims. To passive resistance To ensure that the place is designed to stop motorways passive resistance to stop the ruination of rural communi-

Acton having been turned by the boundary commission into a safe Labour seat, the transport secretary, Sir they average the flow across quiet periods too: at night, and on Sunday, the road is quieter. Yet even that is and a Friend of the Earth. Changing. Many more lorries They should ask him over.

ties by alien traffic.



The debate over Sir Denis Mahon's collection spurs **Brian Micklethwait** to demand an end to all government arts subsidy – in order to improve the product

### Art in the market-place

that Sir Denis Mahon has cooked up a scheme to pressure future scheme to pressure future governments to be as keen on arts subsidies as he is himself. He has promised to give the nation paintings worth £25 million, provided that future governments look after them properly, without selling any and without further cutting arts funding. Whenever someone very rich demands something from the Government, you can rely on others to tell him: no.

Sir Denis also opposes mu-

others to tell him: no.
Sir Denis also opposes museum entry charges, such as the British Museum is thinking of introducing soon. The general assumption here is that the arts, culture, and so on, should be run as a nationalised industry. Yet the case for these things being nationalised is as threadbare as the case for running shoe shops, agriculture, the carting that just because something is an ornament to our what if future generations, agriculture, the carting that just because something is an ornament to our what if future generations, orthing is certain, and certainly not the promise from one Parliament to bind all its successions. snops, agriculture, the car is an ornament to our sors. What if future genera-

S an opponent of tory. They bestow resources all subsidies to not upon those good at identification and of other sorts — grow market — which is now rently renewing itself with and thrive in the free sociolity and satisfying the ultimate users of and customethat Sir Denis ers for the benefits in and the enthusiasm of those latest visual technology? way that hurts both. High art becomes precious, obscure and excessively self-referen-dies. If this demand succeeds

ers for the benefits in question, but rather upon those skilled merely at lobbying. In the case of the arts, subsidies divide high art from commercial art in a period or ossify that people like Sir Denis Mahon demand that the tradition in question be find out. It would surely surgive and probably thrive, not becomes precious, obscure and excessively self-referential. Commercial art becomes more "commercialised", in the worst, preserved with state subsidies. If this demand succeeds then the rot really sets in, because the pressure to contemplate art might be discovered if the business—yes, the business—of look-

When will there be screens able to reproduce all the paintings of the past instead of just one?

the same basis.

Nationalised industries are inherently unsatisfac-

Guardian-reader-type sense: it becomes more crass, vulgar and stupid than would be the case if highbrow types ing the treasures of the past

ing after and presenting paintings became less na-tionalised, ossified and statewelfare dependent

Consider another great or-nament of our nation's cul-ture: football. Being spared state subsidies, football is not, so it speak, a political football. Yet it more than gets by. Can it be an accident that English football — un-distracted by the lure of unThe arts, meanwhile, just

sit there and expect us either to go there in person, or to make do only with unwieldy or miniature printed repro-ductions. When will there be screens able to reproduce all the paintings of the past in-stead of just one? The money from that would more than cover the cost of looking after Sir Denis Mahon's collection of baroque originals. But oh no, that would be too

If it looked as if cultural institutions could be profitable, what sort of ghasily people would end up running them? Better to keep the whole enterprise mired in whole the could be the people with the people with the could be the people with the could be the people with the people wi subsidies, and, like Sir Denis Mahon, go to one's grave whingeing.

Libertarian Alliance, He is the author of numerous pamphlets

### So farewell then, Nicholas Scott

Matthew Engel hails the fall of the Tory MP as a victory for democracy

Tories of Kensington and Chelses was the lead story in four of Britain's national papers yesterday. It led the BBC's morning news bulletins. The most telling com-ment came on Breakfast News. It came as a complete

olas Scott MP had been deselected by the this, an undercurrent that this, an undercurrent: that what was happening was vaguely disgraceful, possibly undemocratic, cer-tainly unBritish. He was a nice chap, a decent man, a bit of a pinko, a cricketer even. If it could happen to him, MPs of every party not seem to have been not seem to have been not seem to have been could happen to us.

Terrific, I say. Sir Nichmann with British politics. shock. Jon. Sopel said. No one at Westminster expected it. Everyone there assumed. Sir Nicholas

minister for 13 years. He served "loyally" in North-ern Ireland and in Social Security, where he had to push through legislation which his own daughter famously and publicly opposed, and in which he seemed to have trouble believing. He was rewarded with a Tory MP's knighthood, a hadge of dishonour in itself. If at any point be ever contemplated resignation on a principle, it does the second incident, when he second incide tion on a principle, it does

iwo scrapes. He was not deselected the first time, when he ran away from a car crash leaving a child trapped in a pushchair — "a minor indiscretion," according to one of his sup-porters. It was contemptible behaviour, worthy of Edward Kennedy. The

reported. It is a career that gutless man. The Tories of servative Party is an imstrong with British politics.

Of late, he has been in their constituency parties will do.

too. A thousand people attended their meeting on Monday evening. They debated the issues. They may well have been influenced by local, petty jealousies and rightwing ideology of which we disapprove. But they established a principle that ought to act as a bea-

why on earth should he remain an MP?

There may well be 100 MPs, in every party, far worse than this sad and sington and Chelsea Con-

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## Playing to win in Japan

it happened through sus rather then individual effort. Such a picture is deeply misleading. Turning Japan's shattered postwar companies into international glants required men of egotism, tech-nological vision and ruthless-ness. Few summed up these qualities, and achieved such results, as Koji Kobayashi, who has died aged 89. His monument is NEC, the world's second largest maker of silicon chips, and a pioneer in information technology from palmtops to supercomputers. Kobayashi was the first lead-

ing industrialist to spot the convergence between comput-Yet his name is almost un-known in IT circles outside Japan. His life story takes in the traumas that shaped 20th rentury Japan. He presented nimself as the self-made child of rural poverty, growing up in a mountain village in Yamanashi prefecture, near experiences. However he after Japan's defeat. At one

Irving Gordon

the foot soldiers in the vast

lyricists which dominated the

rare bird among successful

songwriters, a man who worked neither on the Broad-

to the patronage of Duke Ellington, who sometimes in-

vited Gordon to put words to

his compositions. Working with the Duke was probably

the most difficult commission

there was, because most of

and Bob Russell, was obliged

to wrestle with melodic lines

a most untypical way. A song

army of composers and leaps up and down.

golden age of the American Ellington came in 1937, after popular song. He was that the success of two songs he

way stage nor in Hollywood.
However, late in his life one of his songs, recorded by Patti Page in 1955, provided the title for the Danny Devito film
Throw Mama From the Train.
He has taken transport to film the train that the song was picked up and recorded by the young Billie Holiday; with the assistance

He just about managed to of instrumentalists like Les-cling by his fingertips to emi-ter Young and Buck Clayton,

nence in the profession, and she transformed it into a

the Ellington songs were batch of songs which had one

really instrumental pieces thing in common; they were whose singable potential only all ancient. The best of the

emerged after they had been tracks were those in which

another of the great soloists in the Ellington orchestra.

Gordon, like Jack Lawrence, Paul Francis Webster

Gordon and accession of the most moving and accession of the great soloists are the most moving and accession of the great soloists are the most moving and accession of the great soloists are the most moving and the great soloists are the great soloists are the great soloists and the great soloists are the great soloists. The great soloists are the grea

which swooped and glided in | commercial success, how-

like *Prelude to a Kiss*, magnificent as a saxophone solo for tion later Gordon was

that master of glissandi, awarded a Grammy for Song Johnny Hodges, must have of the Year, when Cole's

HE GREAT myth | phy Rising to the Challenge he about Japan's indus | recalls walking five miles to school in clogs.

His family was not especially hard-up — his father was a schoolmaster — and when he distinguished himself at school he was able to find a wealthy patron to support his studies. He won a scholarship to study electrical engineering at Tokyo Imperial University and graduated in 1929. He went straight to NEC.

then a subsidiary of America's Western Electric, manufacturing telephones. Japanese tech-nology companies value employees by the number of patents they win and the hours they work. Kobayashi excelled on both counts, registering more than 100 pa in four years and submitting himself to a gruelling sched-ule. He recalled working three consecutive nights without sleep to beat a deadline, cooling the resulting fever by putting his feet in a bucket of cold

Like many of his generation, he was coy about his wartime seems to have been a patriotic | stage in the turbulent post-war

Simply unforgettable

RVING Gordon, who has been a terrifying challenge daughter Natalie re-recorded died aged 81, was one of for the lyricist, especially the the song as a duet with her

middle eight, with its giant

had written earlier that year. Each of these songs was des-tined to be rendered timeless

The other success was

longer in coming. In 1957 Ella Fitzgerald made an album

which has always been a

standout, even in Ella's daz-

zling discography. In Like Someone in Love she sang a

played and recorded by one or I the saxophonist Stan Gate ap- I and a grandson. He was al-

ble popular songs Ella ever

recorded. Gordon's biggest

ever, was *Unforgettable*, made famous by Nat Cole. A genera-

Gordon's introduction to



rian railway, the spearhead of Imperial Japan's ambitions in China. Later he was put in charge of developing underwater weaponry for the Japanese navy. While managing a weapons factory he forged an alliance with local gangsters, confronting militant workers

posthumous pater.

There is one intriguing

footnote to Gordon's career

which has nothing to do with

songwriting and may explain why so able a lyricist wrote

comperitively little. In 1941 the comedy duo of Abbott and

Costello made a film called Buck Privates (in Britain it

was called Rookies. My gen-

eration of teenagers laughed

till we were crying at a rou-till called "Who's on first?", a baseball joke which the partners had perfected during

their years in vaudeville. Gor-

and today the routine is en-

shrined on a plaque in base-

Resilient to the end, Gordon told the Los Angeles Times that by 1960 the vogue for rhymed words and hummable

melodies had passed, "So I be-

He is survived by two sons

ways renowned for his knack

of dreaming up attractive

titles, and at his death left be-hind a musical called Dr

Freud Will See You Now. So

far it remains unperformed.

Irving Gordon, songwriter, born

February 14 1915; died Decem

ball's Hall of Fame.

many lives".

Kobayashi recalled working three nights without sleep to beat a deadline, cooling the resulting fever by putting his feet in a bucket of cold water

climate he built a trapdoor behind his desk to escape from Kobayashi rose quickly in the company when the occupation forces purged senior management in an attempt to dismantle the Sumitomo zaihotsu (industrial group), of which NEC was a member. He became a director in 1947, aged

NEC's postwar recovery when it supplied American

forces with radio equipment. It then boldly carved out new of IBM.

markets, both geographical and technological. In 1959, Atlanta, he predicted that com-NEC demonstrated the world's first working translatorised computer. It didn't do much. because of the lack of software, but it showed that Japanese companies could compete in the new industry. In 1964, the year of the Tokyo Olympics — a watershed of Japan's reha-bilitation — Kobayashi took over as chief executive. He steered NEC increasingly

He bitterly fought the ministry of international trade and ndustry's plans to merge Japan's competing computer Britain's "notional cham-pion", ICL, is now owned by Fujitsu of Japan and that France's Group Bull depends on NEC technology.) The ex-tent to which MITI helped or hindered Japan's computer industry is a matter of furious NEC's postwar recovery shi took NEC on an indepen-dates from the Korean war, dent course, developing its In 1977, at a conference in

puters and telecommunica-tions would converge into a single information infrastruc-ture. At the time not many people understood the concept and wrote off his slogan "Com puters and Communications" as an embarrassing attempt to coin an English-language catch-phrase. Developments in the Internet, proved him right. In theory, Kobayashi retired from NEC in 1988, becoming honorary chairman. But when the company opened its 43-storey Tokyo headquarters in 1990, one of the express lifts was fitted with a seat for the old man's use. At the age of 89, he still turned up at the office twice a week. Nobody would have dared suggest otherwise. He leaves a widow, Kazuko, and three daughters.

Koji Kobayashi, industrialist, born 1907; died November 30,

#### David Herbert

### A shelf full of quality

has died aged 69, was a remarkable publisher, in the oldfashioned but wholly admirable sense. His emphasis on quality of production and a highly individual choice of books no doubt reduced acthe results were often

A career which embraced Maurice de Sausmarez's Basic Design: the Dynamics of Visual Form; a massive and scholarly book on the operas of Benjamin Britten; a number of distinguished volumes in the case of bottom. in the area of botany; Sir Hugh Casson's book on the di-sastrous fire at Hampton Court; a collection of Jane Bown's photographs; and Bill Risebero's Story of Western Architecture cannot be said to be dull or even sale. But many of these books not only con-tributed to the pursuit of culture, they actually sold, often

in very large quantities.

David Herbert, except for a brief period teaching languages, was a publisher from the moment he went to Pen-guin in 1949. Allen Lane, the company's founder, was very much in control, and made considerable demands on his staff. Herbert was officially assistant to Eunice Frost, the chief editor, but his brief was wide, involving virtually every aspect of the publishing

After a schoolmastering tint at Eton and at Christ's Hospital in 1950s, he went briefly to Aldus Books and then to Studio Vista, under the aegis of the Rev Timothy ture of clergyman and

Until Studio Vista was sold to an American company in 1968, Herbert was able to transform it into one of the most significant art books bers, whose books were admirably produced and reasonably priced. In 1972 he left Studio Vista

and began to plan the setting up of the Herbert Press, which produced its first two books three years later. At have been happier choosing the same time he worked at his books in the calmer the packagers George Rain-bird, first as editorial director and subsequently as manag-

ing director.

Rainbird had become famous and rich as the creators of books such as Nancy Mitford's The Sun King, which, when sold on to traditional publishers, proceeded to top fying regularity. Herbert continued the process, working with writers like Lawrence Durrell on his book on the

Greek Islands But he found the pressures applied by Rainbird's owners, the Thomson Organisation, too oppressive, and decided to work part-time for Paul Elek and then Benn Brothers. However, it was the Herbert | 18, 1996

AVID Herbert, who | Press which increasingly me that of his wife Brenda, who he had met at Penguin, and who helped him develop his political rov

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cuts to

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**Jebour** 

own list of books.

The creation of the Herbert
Press was the high point of his career. Against the odds of the recession it continued to publish a distinguished series of titles, demonstrating an eclectic choice of subject and invariably high standards of production.

A Herbert Press book was instantly identifiable for the quality of paper and printing, the reliability of the text, and the admirably chosen illus-trations. Herbert was expert at persuading incredulous American publishers to join the runs of these books, but often incredulity faded into



asure as the books sold Usually the books were designed for a specialist audience, but Herbert seemed able to judge precisely how large that audience might be. It was a winning combination.

David Herbert, with his

aristocratic connections with cousinage which seemed to stretch through the most famous English family trees, his distaste for corporate publish-ing and his relish for gossip, figure. His partial deafness adder

to the feeling that he might period of publishing between the wars, a silver ear trumpet at the ready. But this impression belied a keen commer-cial sense and a fierce com-bativeness on behalf of his authors and their books.

There was no one in the least like him in publishing, and the many outstanding his imagination, and both editorial and production flair will stand as his monument. would have wished.

Christopher Sinclair Stevenson

David Herbert, publisher, born January 2, 1927; died November

### Letter

Alan Knowles urites: In his leaving a studio after my obituary on Reginald Bevins northern news bulletin had (November 19) John Biffen been broadcast when I was tells the story of how Bevins told the press, when asked what he as Postmaster-General thought about the tells the story of how Bevins greeted by the engineer in the control room, a gruff northern character, with the news that he'd just seen off a BBC's new satire programme That Was The Week That Was, that he was "going to do something about it." Harold note saying: "Oh no you're

Bevins took his duties as PMG seriously, and he was a not infrequent caller to the BBC whenever a programme ist working in the corporation's Manchester newsroom in the early 1960s, I remember taking a call about a pro-gramme which had annoyed him, and I undertook to pass his complaint to higher his complaint to higher authority.

A week or two later I was confirmed my guess.

rung up complaining about a programme, and when ask who he was the caller replied: "Look I'm the Postmaster General and I'm responsible for all broadcasting in this

the Queen of Sheba — now clear off and stop wasting my time." The engineer's colour changed when I told him that the caller probably was the PMG, and calls from him were not so unusual whenever he returned to his North-

"nutter." He told me some bloke had

"So I told him, yes and I'm

Emie Leslie

### Practical and pragmatic unionist

Scottish trades union movement for almost four decades. He was crucially involved in defending the British Leyland truck and tractor plant at Bathgate, employing 6,000 workers, until it was swept away in the industrial carnage of the early eightles.

Throughout his long career as a full-time official, Leslie was associated with the rightwing leadership of the Amalgamated Engineering Union.
At the age of 28 he was encouraged to run for the job of Edinburgh district secretary of the union by John Boyd, the tuba playing Salvationist who later became its general

the leadership of men like Boyd and Bill Carron in union affairs. Leslie was inde-pendent-minded on political issues. He was a long-term supporter of unilateral nuclear disarmament and dur-ing the referendum campaign opponent within the Scottish union movement of

devolution Above all, however, he was a practical and pragmatic trade union official, more interested in the conditions of his members and the promo-tion of educational and train-ing programmes than in the manner and a fine sense of

RNIE Leslie, who has secretary. That was the start died aged 76, was a of a 37-year career as a full prominent figure in the time official. of a 37-year career as a full time official.

While remaining loyal to membership for election on a regular basis.

Songs of praise . . . Irving Gordon collects his Grammy award in 1992 PHOTOGRAPH: RETIVE

Sir Gavin Laird, the union's former general secre-tary, recalled: "Ernie Leslie was a man dedicated to the people he represented. Generally, he saw the best guaran-tee of their interests to be the profitability and success of the companies they worked for. He was a brave man who always did what he thought was right. That was why he won literally dozens of elec-tions within the union." Part of Leslie's success in

ever, he spent the latter years of his career negotiating the closure of industries which epitomised the Scottish engiwas so proud. Ernie Leslie, a native Leith, was awarded the MBE in 1979. He is survived by his

Brian Wilson

little book, for subsequent ap-

plication when the opportu-nity arose. Less happily, how-

George Ernest Leslie, trade union official, born June 15, 1920; died November 27, 1996

second wife, four daughters and two step-children.

Birthdays

Farhad Afshar, neurosur-geon, 55; Barbara Amiel, col-Wales's Institute of Archiumnist, 56; The Marchioness of Anglesey, former chair-man, Broadcasting Com-plaints Commission, 72, Raul Boesel, racing driver, 39; Joan Brady, novelist, 57; Jeff Bridges, actor, 47; Angela Browning, MP, junior agriculture minister, 50; Horst Buchholz, actor, 64; Ann Christopher, sculptor, 49: Ronnie Corbett, comedian, 56: Hywel Davies, jockey, 40; Deanna Durbin, former actress and singer, 75; Jhn Hall, jazz guitarist, composer, 66; Nigel Heslop, rugby league player, 33: Anke

Huber, tennis player, 22; Gemma Jones, actress, 54; Pamela Matthews, former principal, Westfield College, 82; Richard Meade, threeday event rider, 58; Yvonne Minton, mezzo-soprano, 58; Prof Lord Morris of Castle

tects, 66; AL Rowse, histo-rian, 93; Pamela Stephen-son, actress, 46; The Rev Prof Cecil Weir, Hebrew and Semitic scholar, 99.

### **Death Notices**

### Jackdaw



### Smart, no heart

FORGET good and evil; the really important thing is style. People and things simply have or don't have that elusive quality of stylishnes that certain something that makes them chic. Cruella de Vil has it in spades. She shuns the ordinary, cultivates the bizarre and,

frankly, doesn't give a damn. Oscar Wilde got it right when he claimed that wickedness was a myth invented by good people to account for the curious attractiveness of others. And after all, how would you like to spend eternity — dining with Oscar Wilde, Lucre zia Borgia and the Marquis de

Sade, or having a nice sing-song with Cliff Richard backed by St Francis? ... From the first moment

when Cruella appears in that leekest of cars, which I imagine as a sort of cross between Daimler and the Batmobile. something and you long to know more. Here is a beroine who clearly knows a thing or two about lifestyle... Then, other tantalising details emerge. Her Regent's Park house, for example, has a brilliant green marble en-trance hall, but all her interiors, we learn, are deep, sensuous red ... her memorably decorated houses are contrasted with Mr and Mrs Dearly's dreary good taste.

and are held up to scorn. As the exciting plot of 101 Dalmatians unfolds, it be-comes clear that in this modern fable, good British cosy taste is going to triumph over dangerous, and probably for-eign, ideas. In dear old Eng-land the doggy will always beat the dodgy. Stephen Calloway - whose own domestic decor tends to the course — hymns the "femme fotale's femme fatale" in the new movie in Elle Decor.

unEnglish and marbled, of

Loose cannons

THE younger Hastingses have little experience of rough shooting. I made the mistake of introducing them to driven game much too soon...My 19-year-old daughter decided a while ago that she does not care for Scottish holidays. My elder son, 23, picks up the occasional rod or gun, but is hap-piest in an art gallery or a television studio. Only my younger son, now 13, cherishes an unqualified bloodlust. On the river, even when it is my fly that has booked the fish, I hear the cry go up as I lift the net: "Please can I

kill it?"...
Over a period, exposure to criticism and the hostility of television commentators upon impressionable teenagers. Some become liable to question whether the manner in which daddy spends his leisure hours is civilised. the work done by the Coun-tryside Foundation to get sensible information about country life and field sports into schools, but it is a struggle. Most school-

teachers are instinctively un

My daughter stopped hunting for several years, but went out for the odd day last season and was surprised by how much she enjoyed her-self. I suspect she may redis-cover the bliss of Scotland if she finds herself with a keen sporting boyfriend. It is more persuasive to point out the social perks of field sports than to wax sanctimonious about the need to control pheasants ... Next month: Max Hastings on shooting with officers and gentleman. You couldn't make it up, could you? Hastings, a newspaper editor by trade, in The Field.

Work stations THE ad world, of course, has always been a place where

wacky ideas are tested so no one paid much attention

nounced that his agency would go "virtual". When he unveiled two new office spaces in 1994...it immediately became clear how far he had taken the idea. The private offices and the furniture that was in them were gone, replaced by rolling computer work-stations called hives and open spaces . . The few enclosed spaces that were set aside for work on client accounts had padded doors, which reminded some em-

ployees of a cell in a mental institution. Clearly Jay Chiat did not mean to drive everyone crazy. The management method behind the madness was to create an environment with no obstacles to creativity...One problem was the space itself — no privacy. Whenever anybody walked by they looked at you, you looked at them and your concentration was gone. Says one former employee: "Cre-

ative people need quiet places to think, and that was something they never planned For those who couldn't find

to work productively, staying | times than I can tell you." away had become a necessity.
"If I had to get something
done I worked at home. But
one of the benefits of the virtual set-up was supposed to be interacting with our colleagues," says the ex-em-ployee. "However, if you weren't busy the boss didn't want you in the office because you were taking up pre cious space. So you went to

the movies. It happened more



times than I can tell you."
So... they did things a litite differently. TBWA added a
large room full of tables and
desk-top computers where
employees could spread out
their materials. They also
added more project rooms
and some smaller, more private snaces where writers. vate spaces where writers and art directors could conside all the new project rooms says it all: "Process deter-mines product. If the process sucks, the work will suck." Ronald Lieber on office design

Mother love Spain Susan Barrantes

in Fortune magazine.

"ON a visit to the south of speaks for the first time about the Duchess of York's divorce and her book, My

Story."
"From the Argentinian countryside: Susan with the prize-winning Inedito, and, in a typically Sevillian scene, picking oranges at one of the local estates. She herself lives

Hector in Argentina."
"Susan makes friends with a Spanish thoroughbred and his companions, two donkeys. With mechanisation taking over this arid country-side, there is less and less de-mand for the sturdy donkeys

nowadays." "Sarah's mother outside the monastery's church and with her host Alonso Moreno de la Cova. Susan has been a widow for six years, but says that, having spent 24 hours a day with her husband for the 16 years they were married she has been left with indeli-ble memories of him; she be-lieves that it's not just love that counts in a marriage but also the shared day-to-day experience of being together."

And it's not just the interviews in Hello! which upkeep its ione, but the narrative head-lines and captions. These on Fergie's mum.

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and works on the estate she shared with her late husband Edited by Vanessa Harlowe

# FinanceGuardian

## Secret plan to split BAT fails How to deflate

SECRET plan to split BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial sertwo has collapsed, the Guardian learned last night.
The abortive plan would

have involved the merger of BAT's financial business, which includes Allied Dunbar and Eagle Star in the UK, with one of Britain's other leading insurance groups.

City merchant bank Lazard Brothers and stockbrokers Cazenove are known to have

demerger of the group's tobacco business, which con-trols almost 20 per cent of the American market, BAT would have been able to address concerns voiced by several of its major share-holders that the group was at risk from the threat of US

While the company declined to comment yesterday, it was planning to make an an-nouncement at the beginning of December and had prepared full documentation for sharea bid for a composite insurer such as Commercial Union could well be resurrected in the future.

BAT has clearly been pre-paring to hive off the Dunbar and Eagle Star businesses, together with its Threadneedle Asset Management fund management group, since before the summer, when it announced a reorganisation of the division. This involved grouping the three units under a new umbrella company, British and Ameri-can Financial Services.

The plan, however, is thought to have run into trou-ble early last week, though the reason remains unclear. Last night, stockbrokers pointed to a burst of specula-tive activity in shares in Commercial Union a week ago, on Budget day. At the time of the financial

services reorganisation, in ing a bank was ruled out. Sandy Leitch, head of the fi-nancial wing, said at the time: "We have looked at acquiring

dramatic deal that would have transformed Britain's cated that the deal — which is have created a financial pow- the prices are very high and insurance sector.

Stock market sources indicated that the deal — which is have created a financial pow- the prices are very high and enhouse valued at \$15 billion | we do not like the look of the inherited bricks and mortar

we might buy."

A little over a month later, in August, the scale of the polenge faced by the group in the US became apparent, after a Florida court awarded £490,000 to a former smoker who claimed he had been misled into thinking cigarette snoking was safe. Shares in in 10 days and have only recently begun to recover. The City has been awash

that a predator was stalking

Imperial Tobacco, the clga-retie firm which has just been demerged from the Hanson industrial conglomerate. Analysts saw a fit bet

BAT's mainly US tobacco business — with brands such as Pall Mail and Lucky Strike with Imperial's portfolio of Embassy, Superkings and John Player Special "Shareholders would love

to see a demerger of BAT." one analyst said. "We have seen its farmous US competitor, RJR Nabisco, have its own planned demerger blocked by potential smoking litigants. We can only specu-

# inflation figures



Edited by Mark Milner

today be offered a statis-tical helping hand towards its goal of abolishing the budget deficit by the year 2002, with the release of a Congressional report arguing that the consumer price index (CPI) overstates inflation by

up to one percentage point.
The argument rests on two
pillars. First, the CPI falls to
pick up changes in behaviour resulting from price changes If chicken gets dearer, shop-pers switch to pork — but the index keeps measuring chicken. This "substitution" ffect means that the real cost of living rises more slowly than the CPI suggests. Secondly, the CPI falls to

pick up new patierns of con-sumption, with new products sumption, with new products added to the index only once a

The findings of the commis-sion, headed by economist Michael Boskin, are of more than academic interest. If Congress agrees with the the report, legislators could de-cide to reduce the amount by which CPI linked welfare benefits are uprated each year, Lopping off a percentage point could save \$261 billion (£160 billion) over the next six

gling to meet single European currency qualification, the inflation argument might look attractive. But even in the US the debate about the extent of the bias is likely to rage for some time: the officials who roduce the CPI acknowl an overshoot but insist it is no more than 0.1 percentage points. And with growing dis-content over the tough new welfare law, politicians may be reluctant to rub salt in the

In Britain's case, the retail price index (RPI) basket is updated every year so the impact of "new product bias" is much less. Treasury officials doubt whether consumption patterns change as quickly as Reskin estimates.

Most important, pensioners who see their payments cut because of a statistical sleight of hand are likely to be unimpressed. Labour's inclination to stick with uprating by in-flation, rather than restoring the pre-Thatcher link to earnings, has already angered Bartiera Castla

Even if the economic numbers add up — and here the immortal phrase lies, damned lies and statistics springs readily to mind — the political ones certainly will not.

### Stripping the gilt

ODAY'S auction of £2.5 billion of glits due in 2002 is widely expected to go well. Glits look cheap compared to other major bonds, especially if the

pound's bull run continues. The only possible area of con-cern, certainly for domestic investors, is the risk of a rise

in interest rates. But the attractions of the latest offering from the Bank are not based only on price. The issue will, for example, form the next five-year bench-mark bond, a status which al-ways provides additional

It is also strippable - in other words it is one of the growing number of issues which (once the central gilts office is upgraded) can be di-vided up into its constituent elements; repayment of prin-ciple and individual payments of interest accruing during the life of the bond. quently be traded separately, allowing much more precicash flow management and liability matching.

To an extent the issue illustrates just how radically and rapidly the glits market has been reformed. Gilt auctions started in 1987 but it was only used on large scale. Stripped gilta are an even more recent innovation. Indeed gilts will not be strippable in practice until after the CGO overhaul which is expected to be completed in August next year,

envisaged.
However the latest issue does not, in itself, provide direct evidence of perhaps the most important element of the gilt market reform - the development of the 215 billion a day gilt repo market. Its success will allow the Bank another big (and imminent) step in reform; the use of the repo market to manage mone tary policy. That would bring it into line with continental European practice, helping to protect the City's position as a function centre.

### Hame buying may

HEN does consumer choice change from benefit to burden? Somewhere in the middle of Britain's mortgage mase, according to Bill Davey, a

Fair Trading.
Speaking to the building society's conference, Mr Davey made an interesting point Start shopping around for a mortgage in Britain today and the would-be home buyer will be faced with a potenproducts; discounts, cash backs, free surveys, interest rates which can either float or be fixed for varying periods and mortgages which come with insurance packages

Free market theorists would argue that the breadth of the product range available is a function of competition within the industry and must, therefore, be good for con-sumers. Not if it leaves them confused it isn't.

That is not to say mortgage lenders should be made to restrict the choice they offer. The key is "the duty of care to borrowers". The balance of effort must be tipped towards helping the consumer make the right choice, rather than towards ensuring the lender makes a sale.

#### the sell-off included ABN Dyno-man the sell-off included ABN Amro Hoare Govett, which bought a small stake in South West Water, and Merrill Lynch, which bought stakes in Severn Trent Water and Wesser Water. A notable exclusion on this occasion was SBC Warburg. prepares to do battle with

Super-rat

ING Rat - the modernday, poison-resistant super-rodent — has a new enemy: the cheery chap from Dyno-Rod best known for clearing drains and changing locks, urius Dan

Atkinson. As of yesterday, Dyno-crews are licensed to kill and will be armed with equipment a lot more lethal than a sink plonger.

Among the treats awaiting Roland Rat and his chams is what the British **Pest Control Association** (BPCA) describes as a "slow internal haemorrhage", lasting maybe three days, thanks to "anti-Wasps are dispatched

with slow-acting pesticides, and cockroaches can be blasted three ways: by deadly dust, deadly bait or

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industry currently offers commercial and domestic customers an indifferent justifiably high prices — profit margins at 35 per cent are not uncommon said marketing director

Number one extermination squad, Rentokil, has perhaps half the business. There are two other big ish names, National Britannia and a US group with a name designed to bring out the Schwarzenegger in every pest-controller: Terminix. Dyno-Rod expects to be nationwide in three years. Richard Strand, of the RPCA said the market was

BPCA, said the market was hard to quantify because of the huge role of local authorities in exterminating domestic pests for little or no charge. The private sector turned over perhaps £200 million a year and in total Britain boasted 6,000

There is a lot more to pest control than rat-catching Smaller pests include product-specific creepy-crawlies including the tobacco beetle, the grain weevil and the hide beetle (curse of immeries). But Carrington, demanded to know where the other \$2 billion had gone. He said: "I suggest you go back and look at the way the VAT receipts explanation is made."

deadly gust, deadly pau or deadly pau or deadly spray.

New entrant Dyno-Rod honey-bees emjoy the distinction of being just about the only thing pest control lers are not allowed to zap. honey-bees enjoy the dis-tinction of being just about

### LucasVarity cuts to cost **3,000 jobs**

NGINEERING giant Lucas Varity is to an 3,000 jobs and sell 13 businesses employing another 5,000 people as part of a huge cost-cutting exercise.

With half the jobs to go in the UK. the move is a dramatic escalation of the redundancies expected when the motor components and serotries merged with diesel en-gine-maker Varity three

months ago. The moves will cut Lucas-Varity's workforce to 48,000 and save £120 million a year from January 1999, the new company's second full financial year. The savings are allower cent of the group. The when the merger was antop of savings of 265 million trate on leading positions in already identified for the next the key markets of automo-

two years. Restructuring and redundancies will cost £120 million as an exceptional charge taken at the end of the group's financial year next January. Another £130 million will be charged in asset write-downs. Chief executive Victor Rice said "cross-company" teams had undertaken a "thorough

and total review".

Mr Rice agreed that in the medium term LucasVarity may seek even greater size through a merger or acquisi-

group's electronics and elec-trical businesses, almost cer-tainly through acquisition.

The businesses to be sold include four UK firms. Lucas Heavy Duty Products of Ac-ton, west London, employs 500 people and makes parts for trucks and buses. Coventry-based Lucas Industrial Components makes car parts. Specialist metals company Lucas Nitrotec employs 44 people in Birmingham. And Lucas Assembly and Test Sytems employs 300 people, also in Birmingham. Another five companies slated for sale have yet to be publicly identified. Mr Rice said the group was "reasonably down the line" on concluding deals.

revamp follows LucasVarity's decision to axe one-third of its tive, diesel engines, after-market supply and aerospace. Trade unions at the group's UK operations said they believed most of the job losses would be achieved on a volun-

tary basis.

Mr Rice said he was confident the cultural problems of

merging the two companies were now largely dealt with.

News of the job losses and
cost-cutting lifted the company's share price in early trad-ing, but shares fell back to close 18.5p down at 234p tion with another group. But in the short term the high priority was to bolster the ket by company executives. ment of the automotive mar



### Treasury raises £257m in sale of residual government stakes

### Buyers 'baffled' by mortgages sonal financial services, ac-cording to Nationwide chief executive Brian Davis, who Watchdog wants

more protection. Teresa Hunter reports

ORTGAGES have become so complex they are in danger of confusing customers, building customers warned by a societies were warned by a consumer watchdog at a conference yesterday. An Office of Fair Trading

consumer affairs spokesman, Bill Davey, said consumers needed better protection when chosing a loan as they were increasingly unable to pick their way through the

mortgage offerings.

He told delegates at a building societies conference in London that too bewildering a range of options could prove as anti-competitive as too restricted a choice. "Loans are now on offer at both variable rates and at interest rates discounted or fixed for a variety of periods. Lending is combined with life and building insurance, not to mention

cash back or free surveys. These are complex deals affecting consumers over many years. One must surely recognise the burden this places on consumers."

Consumer choice would be

**Building Societies Commis** sioner Geoffrey Pitchew said the Government had strong reasons on competition grounds for amending the five-year rule, which had protected building societies which become banks from takeover for the first five years. A new building societ-les Bill, to be published soon, removes this protection from

tivities after flotation.

said a new Act was vital to

allow societies to prosper. He called on the Govern-

ment not to give way to the "blackmail" of societies converting to banks, which believed new legislation would restrict their commercial ac-

organisation.

The Alliance & Leicester. which should come to the market next April, has threatfencing is removed.

converting societies, which

But Mr Davis told delegates: 'The complaints by converting societies on this issue imply that they feel they need to rely on unfair, anti-competitive protection to survive as an independent organisation. We hope that Parliament will be firm in

came the main source of per- payments." TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS France 8.63 Ilaly 2,527
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HE BANK of England is too pessimistic about the outlook for inflation, according to a senior Treasury economist yesterrestricted if building societies disappeared and banks be delaying conversion windfall interest rates when he meets

Sarah Ryle

erument has now almost com-pleted its £1.5 billion "mop-up

privatisation", announced late last year, aimed at selling

residual holdings in priva-tised companies ahead of the

It brings the total amount raised by the Government's privatisation of former na-

the Bank governor, Eddie George, next week. Mr Clarke's economic for-casts came under scrutiny at the Commons Treasury Select Committee after three of his panel of independent advisers told MPs last week that base

£257 million towards
Last week's Budget tax
cuts yesterday, when it sold
most of the Government's
remaining stakes in privatised businesses such as Britlish Energy, National Grid
and Scottish Power.
The sell-off means the Govcryment has now almost conntitlements. It also still has an estimated

worth about \$7.5 million, which has been retained in

order to cover bonus share

If also still has an estimated in the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, whose share price has been ravaged by the long-running industrial dispute with a number of dockers sacked last year. The main holding sold yes-

terday was a near 12 per cent stake in British Energy, whose initial privatisation in July flopped when the shares opened at 98p, against the 105p at which they had been sold to City institutions. privatisation of former na-tionalised industries to recovered since then, enabling the Treasury to sell the After yesterday's sale, the stake yesterday at 147% a Government owns a 0.5 per cent stake in BT worth about | Capel.

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A spokesman for NM Roth-schild, which organised a competitive auction for the stakes, explained: "We thought it represented a good time and a good price to sell all of them."

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### which this time last year handled the biggest single element of the mop-up privati-sation, the £513 million sale of - 21 milion

### ened to delay its share give away if the five year ring. Chancellor's adviser talks down inflation

pressure.
The Bank's open desire to see interest rates raised to guarantee Mr Clarke's inflawithout threatening low, A surge in oil prices had fed through the system and boosted the official measure tion target of 25 per cent is based on forecasts which difof inflation, he said.

MPs also quizzed Treasury
officials about the Government's missing billions of
VAT receipts and told them to ier from the Treasury model. The chief economic adviser to the Treasury, Alan Budd, told MPs on the committee that the Bank "and other out-

siders" had repeatedly been too pessimistic about inflado their sums again. Mr Clarke blamed the 26 billion shortfall in the offi-He said: "We are not seeing an unsustainable boom. Many mistakes have been made betold MPs last week that base cause people remain over-op- nal target for the public secrates should be raised to 7 per timistic about the level of sus- tor borrowing requirement.

cent immediately in order to tainable growth." He added But MPs said they feared dampen inflationary that the economy could grow that the new estimates of TAT receipts could also be that the new estimates of VAT receipts could also be flawed. Mr Budd estimated that £1 billion was lost as a result of illegal tax avoidance; £1 billion as a result of rigor-ous tax planning by firms within the letter and the spirit of the law": and a fur-ther £1 billion because of coagulant rodenticides". technical changes in the tax

sold was a L6 per cent holding in Scottish Power, worth

about 254 million.
The buyer was Kleinwort
Benson, which also snapped
up the Government's remaining stakes in National Grid,
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Scottish Hydro-Electric, National Power and

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The chairman of the Commons committee, Matthew Carrington, demanded to know where the other 53 billion had

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### **Defence contract** row erupts as ITT allies with Racal

**Tony May** 

POLITICAL row erupted yesterday over Racal, as the troubled telecommunications group unveiled an alliance with its only rival, TT of the US, to bid for a key Et billion military contract.
Just 24 hours earlier, Racal
had issued a shock profits
warning which wiped
£140 million off its stock marhat value

Labour accused the Govern-ment of disastrous mismanagement after the rivals — including Racal's original ally, Siemens Plessey — called off their bitter battle for the con-tract, codenamed Bowman. They had each spent millions on developing a new battle-field communications system for the armed forces.

An ITT executive said the new alliance hoped to win as much as half of the \$6 billion world market for military radios over the next 10-15 years. A Racal colleague said the Bowman contract alone could create 6500 new jobs. ITT's Peter Bedwin sald: "We're moving forward into a

digital age and a shrinking in-dustry. Combining forces Racal now claims a 22 per cent share of the world mar-ket. A wary City, angered by Monday's profits warning, marked up its shares. They cause the existing Clansmar closed up 10½p at 235½p after radios, dating from the 1980s falling 50p on Monday

Shadow defence secretary David Clark said: "How can defence ministers have so badly mismanaged this vital defence contract? This whole episode is a disaster. Indeci-sion has undermined our de-fence capability and caused great uncertainty for British

industry." Defence sources said the delays were causing serious problems for the Army be-

radios, dating from the 1960s, are "falling to pieces".

Racal has spent £35 million so far on the Bowman pro-gramme, which is running more than two years late after the MoD made numerous changes to the specifications which increased the radios' data requirement tenfold. The MoD's latest delay would have meant Racal spending £100 million before getting a penny back. David Elsbury, chief executive, said: "We de cided we can't afford this."

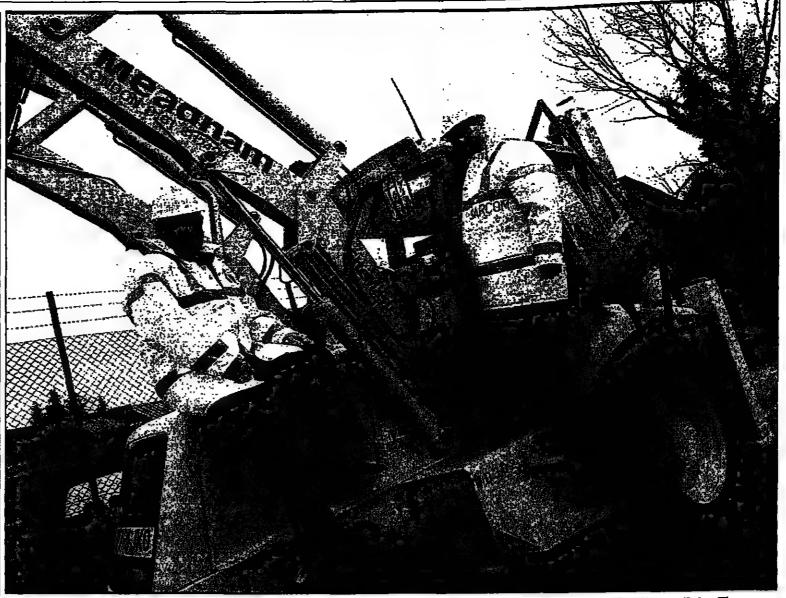
Racal and Siemens Plessey

will now share costs and technology — and the spoils, too

— with rival ITT Defence.
The joint bid, to be called
Archer, could produce overall savings of more than £100 million.

Mr Elsbury said: "To win Bowman would be the prize. If we lose Bowman, God for-bid, we would still have a sizeable export market, but we would have to downsize the company." No decision on job cuts would be made before

Mr Elsbury now expected the ministry to make a deci-sion on the award by March next year. The ministry said last month that it would not award the final contract until at least 1999, with Bowman entering service in 2002. The original plan had been to leave contracts late in 1990.



Digging in . . . Barcom, the specialist plant hire group, yesterday said it was looking to snap up smaller rivals. Managing director Brian Thompson, pictured left with colleague Dave Meadham, unveiled a jump in full year pre-tax profits from \$852,000 to \$2.72 million SHOTOGRAPH: SENGURA

## with Labour on windfall tax

Chris Barrie

HE chairman of Wessex Water clashed with a senior Labour MP yesterday over the company's profits and the party's plan for a windfall tax on

ntilities.
As shadow environment secretary Frank Dobson accused the Bristol-based company of making "5285 profit out of its customers every minute of every day", chairman Nicholas Hood accused Labour of being selective in its choice of facts, a trait that was "very

£75.5 million on £128.9 mil- | lion turnover. The payout to shareholders is up by 14

per cent to 5.7p a share.
Mr Dobson accused Wessex of spending £3 million on an unsuccessful bid for South Wast Water. He said the average bill to Wessex customers had risen by 55 per cent since privatisation in 1989. Over the same period, Wessex had increased profits every year and handed out £168 mil-

lion to shareholders.
But Mr Hood said the shadow environment secretary had overlooked the benefits to customers that

Calling Labour's plan for a windfall tax on the utili-ties "disgraceful". Mr Hood warned that the levy would affact prices. He said Labour was divided over

the "fairness, application and good" of the tax. The chairman also took a swipe at Trade and Industry Secretary Ian Lang for blocking the company's proposed takeover of South West Water last October, calling it a "barmy" decision. Mr Hood said Wessex would decide within six months on a revised strat-

egy.

The water company, East unattractive" at times.
The dispute came as Wessex unveiled a 10.4 per cent invested in capital cent to 28.6 million on 234.1

### Wessex chief swaps insults All at sea over see-saw pound

As sterling fluctuates, exporters are feeling the pinch. **Roger Cowe** reports on ways companies can protect profits

year's profits.

A spokeswoman for NatWest bank said last night: "We are beginning to see small and medium-sized cus-

tomers getting concerned and

some are starting to do something about it. There has been a rise in enquiries about hedging. The concern is there

and they are starting to take

For companies such as these, the losses can be countered only if sterling's weak-

ness yesterday were to con-tinue, thereby eroding its dramatic rise over the past

few weeks. But there are measures which even the

volatility.

The trouble is that many

otherwise sophisticated man-

agers often steer clear of cur-rency dealing, according to lan Clark, a treasury consul-tant with Price Waterhouse. "It's surprising, even sup-posed professionals don't have a very good idea of what

have a very good idea of what

they could or should be doing. A lot of them don't take fairly basic actions to protect them-

Inaction often results from

the mistaken belief that doing any kind of currency deal is speculating. "It's not specula-tion, it's stabilisation," Mr

Major international groups

Environment

transport call

THE Confederation of Brit-ish Industry yesterday

called on businesses to cut down the environmental im-

pact of transport by making more use of public transport

and technology.

It urged its members to help

reduce road traffic conges-tion, which costs an esti-

mated \$20 billion per year.

Deputy director-general,
Peter Agar, said: "Business
progress must not be at the

expense of the environment and future generations."

A pamphlet, All Aboard, de-tails the impact of transport on the environment: it ac-

counts for 29 per cent of par-ticulates (mainly from diesel engines), half of nitrogen ox-ides, virtually all carbon

monoxide and a fifth of car-

The CBI insists that road freight will remain "central

to the success of modern British business", but urges bet-ter planning and operation of transport fleets and more effi-cient vehicles.

The CBI's main target is

commuting. It argues for fewer trips in more efficient

vehicles, reminding companies of their employees' un-productive time stuck in traf-fic jams.

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selves." he said.

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Roger Cowe

ANKS are being in-undated by compa-nies trying to limit the impact of ster-ley, chairman of the illus-trying to limit Separately, Peter Kinders-ley, chairman of the filus-trated reference book busi-ness, Dorling Kindersley, warned shareholders that a The volatility of the pound is already affecting the profit-ability of firms which do busirate of \$1.69 to the pound, reached this week, would knock \$1.5 million off the

The engineering group Siebe yesterday disclosed that shareholders' funds had been hit to the tune of \$41 million. while profits for the half year were more than \$1 million lower than they would have been at lower starling levels. Chairman Barrie Stephens warned that continued star-ling strength would badly afthe currency markets, with against currency swings by locking in overseas income or costs at known rates.

The simplest way of doing this, open to any business which buys or sells abroad, is to take out a forward contract with a bank. By agreeing to sell DM15,000 at DM2.58 in three months time, for example, an exporter guarantees that exchange rate on a sale

in a German customer. There is always an element of gambling, since the rate might have risen further by the time the customer pays up. But by committing to the forward sale, the UK exporter

Options allow increased flexibility, although someat a disadvantage to the spot rate at the time the conver-sion happens. This is because options are not firm commit-of the operating subsidiary.

ments and can be allowed to lapse. The exporter has then option but benefits by getting a hetter exchange rate. These are the main mecha-

nisms for avoiding the un-certainty of volatile exchange rates and they are suddenly being used more enthusiastically by British companies.
For those with overseas operations, rather than just

transactions, the position is more complex A German subsidiary, operating only in Germany, remains unaffected by exchange rates. But converting that company's profits, assets and liabilities to sterling, as

part of the UK group's results, does make a difference. Most companies try to overcome the problem that a largue that it is wrong to try forward contract may end up and protect against losses on

usually in conn with a particular deal or transaction.

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#### Sterling suffers biggest one-day smallest business can take to protect against sterling fall against mark in four years now take place after this week's mortgage rate rises.

BRITISH exporters worper cent rise against the US dollar and 15 per cent gain against the Deutschmark in the past four months must have shouted for joy yester-day at the pound's biggest one-day fall against the mark and dollar in over four years.

Dealers marked the pound down almost 8 pfennigs to DM2.5486 and over 4 cents to \$1.6344 on fears cellor Kenneth Clarke, to that the long-expected hike insist that inflation is

in UK base rates would not | under control.

"Today we've just seen most of the speculative froth being blown off the pound. This is a classic case of a market that was very, or a market that was very, very long, and very compla-cent," Paul Megyessi, cur-rency strategist at Deut-sche Morgan Grenfell, said. "This may mark the end of the market's love affair with sterling," he added. The pound's collapse comes amid concerted Trea-

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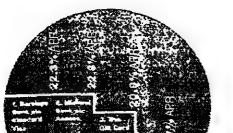
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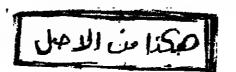
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### Pienaar | says yes to Saracens

Robert Armstrong

RANCOIS PIENAAR RANCOIS PIENAAR Yesterday he admitted he still wanted to add to his 29 latest glittering prize caps. "I am determined to from the southern hemisphere to be captured by an ambitious Courage League One club. Saracens, who snapped up Australia's Michael Lynagh earlier this year, have signed South African rugby," he said, revealing that he had spoken to President Nelson Mandela before signing the thought to be worth £400,000. He will make his first appear.

boks have produced, will help Sarries broaden their popular appeal on and off the pitch. His dynamic style of play at blind-side flanker and his easy rapport with fans should give the London club value

for money.
It is understood that Pienaar, who was controversian, omitted from South Africa's and the Irish international current tour of France and Richard Wallace and Paddy Johns are also in the Sarries wales, had been in contact with other English clubs, notably Leicester, through an agent. He is the first South African Test player to join a British club since the international bayest on the Spring. tional boycott on the Spring-Pienaar, 30 next month, will form one of the most powerful back rows in the Courage Brief, D Wilson, D Manu or O Finegan, I

leagues alongside the England A regulars Tony Diprose and Richard Hill.

ance early in the new year.
Plenaar, who is widely regarded as the greatest rugby ambassador the Springboks have produced will be resident Mandela and he is very sorry that I will be leaving South Africa. But I am going to represent South Africa in an ambassadorial role."

No one can describe

No one can deny that Nigel Wray, the City millionaire who has bankrolled Saracens, is serious about signing Test players with a world-class pedigree; Lynagh (72 caps) helped Australia win the 1991 the London chib value money.

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ham on Saturday.

line-up.

David Campese will make his final representative ap-pearance in Britain against the Barbarians at Twicken-



Coming soon . . . Francois Pienaar expects to make his debut for Saracens early next year

### Tragedy draws Oxford underdogs closer together

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XFORD meet Cambridge at Twickenham first fatality in the first-class game in the modern era. noon with 14 Englishmen, six Australians, four Irishmen, two New Zealanders, two Welshmen, a South African

Australian, Ian Tucker. The 23-year-old died of head injuries in October after a tragic incident against Saracens, the first fatality in the first-class game in the modern era.

There will be a minute's James Averis for the key fly-silence before the match. Oxford are also planning to set up a bursary in Tucker's memory. Steve Hill, director of rugby, said: "Tan's death "but hopefully we can offer the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited at the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of the same of the key fly-super-old died of head injurited and the same of t

game in the modern era.
Quentin de Bruyn, the South African who captains Oxford, would have played alongside Tucker in the control of rugby, said: "Ian's death has drawn us closer together. It's been a difficult time for our players, especially them.

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### It won't be a funny thing at the BHB forum

**IIRST** it was the Jockey Club now it is the British Horseracing Board. The name has changed, the format and personnel have changed but the sniping goes on as ever.

ing authority that was not in-competent, lacking in imagi-nation and dynamism or out of touch with the industry's needs?

needs?
Since the Chancellor cocked a deaf 'un to racing's request for help in last week's Budget all hell has been let loose with demands that

heads must roll.

Top of the wanted list are
Lord Wakeham, chairman of the BHB, and Tristram Rick-etts, the chief executive. And as luck would have it (good or bad depending on which side you are on) both

centre stage at the BHB's Annual Forum on December The inquisition takes place at the Royal Geographical Society in London before an invited audience of 150 repre-

men will be required to share

senting all sections of racing.
By holding it elsewhere, say
at the Royal Albert Hall, charging £50 for a ringside seat and selling the TV rights, racing could have gone a long way to solving its financial problems. Lack of imagina-

tion again or merely abysmal marketing skills? For, make no mistake, this will be a serious fight. As Wakeham and Ricketts look out their gaze will be returned on all sides by a flinty glare.

Ranged against them will be Peter Savill and Eric Parker for the malcontented tion, while the main spokesmen for the trainers will be Ian Balding and Peter

Little succour or support is likely to come from representatives of the Racecourse Association, Levy Board, Jockey Club, Tote, BOLA or the National Association of Bookmakers and all in all the opposition will be formidable. One of the possible solu-

tions to the financial prob-lems is the closure of some of the smaller tracks or at least the withdrawal of Levy support. This would be unpopular, but a cutback in the fixture list would not be as hard

It is not only Britain which has hit difficult times. In Paris yesterday the track at Evry staged its final meeting sacrificed because of a cash

crisis in French racing.
The big race was the Prix
Edellic and, rather insensitively, it was won by the Brit-ish in the shape of Wilcuma, trained by Peter Makin and ridden by John Reid.

The Jockey Club's proposed inquiry into the jockeys' "strike" at Haydock in October, originally scheduled for December 18, now looks as if it will have to be postponed. Although Frankie Dettori has made it clear he is pre-pared to travel back from abroad many other riders in-cluding Pat Eddery will be

out of the country.
At Portman Square today there will be a seminar about the effects of diabetes and whether jockeys suffering from it should be granted a

licence.
The issue came to a head when Jonathon Lower, the jump jockey, was advised not to reapply for a licence when found to be suffering from diabetes

The Licensing Committee will listen in private to the views of assembled experts and could reverse its ruling, although no decision is likely today.

This afternoon's three meetings, the minimum as requested by the bookmakers to keep the Levy coming in, have produced decent fields, helped by some rain.

day's nap in the second div-ision of the Ellerton Juvenile Novices Hurdle at Catterick efter just failing to land a gamble when second to The Great Flood over the course and distance 11 days ago.

At Southwell, Julie Cecil, who does well with a small string of jumpers, is not asking too severe a question of Isaiah (2.00) in a class D

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 Cold Lance; 2.40 Flying Fiddler.

### £10m windfall for **Manchester City**

lan Ross

who could hit bot-tom of the First weekend, have received the unexpected boost of £10 million to help them buy their way out of their worst crisis in more than a century.

Half of that sum ironically comes from Stephen Boler, the multi-millionaire businessman who was an ally of the late Peter Swales, ousted as chairman by Francis Lee in an acrimonious power struggle almost three years

ago, Boler has plunged into City shares in a big enough way to make him the club's majority shareholder, but last night he insisted that he had no wish to become chairman or any kind of public figurehead for

"Basically all I am is a fan who wants to use his money to help," he said. "Take my word for it, with this money in place and available to im-prove the playing squad, you has agreed to hand over will see a dramatic improve-\$5 million with no strings at-only 33 days in charge.

alongside football's leading sugar-daddies. His total

wealth is conservatively

put at £120 million, ahead

of names such as the Ever-

ton chairman Peter John-son, the Middlesbrough

Murray. Last year's BusinessAge's

"Francis Lee has my total support. Whatever people might say to the contrary, I can tell you that he has put a

great deal of his personal money into Manchester City; we are talking in millions. we are taking in minions.

The club has wonderful support and I can promise those fans that the vast majority of the cash will be used to bring

estimated to have increased his shareholding from 13 per cent to 53 per cent in the past 72 hours. Lee holds 29.9 per cent and Swales's widow
Brenda still has 10 per cent.
City's other generous benefactor is believed to be another concerned lifelong sup-porter, John Wardle, one of the men behind the JD sportswear company, At their annual general

meeting tomorrow City share-holders are expected to be

Why Boler the hunter can

afford a white elephant

ment very quickly in the for-tunes of Manchester City.

windfall is likely to find its way straight to the club's bankers to reduce an over-draft estimated at £15 million, so it is unlikely that the care-taker manager Phil Neal will be sent on a pre-Christmas

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Through share redistribution and the purchase of some of City's loan stock, Boler is declined the offer of employment for lack of assurances. ment for lack of assurances about the club's financial

status. Neal is expected to be at the heim for the visit of Bradford City on Saturday, but that afternoon may be his last in

the job.

He seemed almost resigned to his fate after Sunday's comprehensive defeat by Wolverhampton Wanderers, insist-ing that City were a club in turmoil long before he ar-rived in early October as as-



Road's conservation-minded sugar-daddy

everyone from the Chester chairman Mark Guterman to the Gallagher brothers from Oasis about to spring a takeover. But, in Boler. chairman Steve Gibson and Rangers' owner David per-bottomed financial credentials capable of doing for Maine Road what the late Matthew Harding did

Rich 500 made the 53-year-old Mancunian the 151stwealthiest man in the country. Since then he has become even richer, selling half his stake in Limelight, half his stake in Limelight, traded on his image as archetypal Chelsea supporter, Boler yesterday destimated £60 million.

Should anyone wonder why such a successful enterpreneur is bothering to use his money to help Manterpre

**Rovers renew** 

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lan King and Neil Robinson on Maine

hunt a white elephant like | chester City Manchester City, Boler is a man literally fascinated by big game, even owning 300 square miles of South Afri-ca's Kalahari desert where Kwik-Fit, the car-parts com-

STEPHEN BOLER's fi-nancial firepower puts him comfortably of course there have been

rumours of major invest-ment in City before, with for Chelsea.

The parallels are clear. Just as Harding, who was Britain's 89th-richest man.

Whereas Harding made his fortune in insurance,

everal million pounds in 1976 and proceeded to make another fortune in the furniture business, setting up his Kitchens Direct opera-tion — so called because it sold kitchens through direct responses to newspaper advertisements—in 1982.
By 1991 Boler snapped up
Dolphin Bathrooms and

Sharps Bedrooms, which went to make up Limelight together with Moben, an-other fitted-kitchens business, and Portland, a con-servatories and windows firm bought in 1986. His current stake in the company is worth £17 million.

Much of his time recently

has gone on his game reserve. It is called Tswala, which translates as "a new beginning" — something Tswala will one day recoup million and have to be the money he has invested topping it up each year." in it. "I feel I have a moral

responsibility to save the black rhino but, if the

What I get for one head can In Africa he offsets the buy me 10 others. I'm not money invested in conser-vation by devoting one species is to be protected in | third of his land to hunting, | to hunt it; it's worth | daunting.

of the African landsc saying that if I've got a revitalising Manchester problem ion I'm not going City may not prove too

pletely transformed a part

Champions League, Group C Rapid Vienna v Manchester United

# United riding Ryan express to beat Rapid

ted will put their faith in Ryan Giggs in the Ernst Happel Stadium here tonight while hoping that their trust in Juventus is not misplaced. The stronger the smell of roast turkey from Turin, the greater United's chances of reaching the knockout stage of the European Cun will be. of the European Cup will be. of the European Cup will be.
To become the first English team to qualify for the quarter-finals since the tournament was reorganised as a television spectacular, United must get a better result against Rapid Vienna than Fenerbahce achieve in the Stadio delle Alpi. At the moment the Turkish champions are keeping them out of are keeping them out of second place by a point.
A draw here and a home

win in Turin would bring United and Fenerbahce level, with United going through on with timited going through of the strength of their 2-0 vic-tory in Istanbul as opposed to the 1-0 Turkish triumph at Old Trafford. But with Juven-tus already having won the group, United cannot count on Fenerbahce being beaten.

on Fanerbahce being beaten.
Marcello Lippi, the Juventus coach, has assured Alex Ferguson that his team will play to win. But Juventus have just completed an arduous formight and have a likely quarter-final against Milan. And Lippi has seven players on yellow cards, including his goalkeeper Pediatric Complete and Co cluding his goalkeeper Peruzzi, the midfielder Des-

champs and his leading scorer Boksic. Though Fenerbahce are unlikely to win in Turin, a draw is not out of the question. United, therefore, have to beat Rapid, who are out of the equation, to give themselves the best chance of going through to meet Porto, the runaway Group D winners.

To this end Ferguson will field what passes for his strongest side right now, with Giggs in a wide midfield posi-tion and Cantons and Solskjaer up front. Given Cantona's poor form in European

speed and control of Gigas to unravel Rapid's defence.

"Ryan Giggs has so much pace." Solskjaer said yester-day. "and you have to have quick players in Europe." Un-wittingly the young Norwe-gian had put his finger on the principal reason for Can-tona's continued fallure on these occasions, although the Frenchman did begin to look

the part in Istanbul.

As indeed did the United team as a whole. As Ferguson team as a whole. As Ferguson recalled: "We played really patiently, in the first half we were in no hurry, and then in the second we showed the speed to get forward.

"There's an element of cat and mouse in these games. You want to see what the other team can do, you don't want to do anything silly want to do anything silly

want to do anything silly

the later stages of a match." United need to reproduce a mixture of the controlled ag-gression that brought them success in Istanbul and the passion that nearly saved them against Juventus in the second half at Old Trafford.

Ferguson seemed to be in a gimm mood when United arrived here yesterday. "I can't think about the other game," he insisted. "I'm focusing on what we're doing. Inevitably we'll get to know what's happening in Turin but I don't want to hear it. "Having Pallister and Giggs

back gives us a fair balance, especially at the back. I think that's important."

Rapid can hardly be as poor as they were in losing 2-0 at Old Trafford Ivanov, their Bulgarian sweeper, can be expected to get at least one de-cent free-kick on target. They have a defender, Lesiak, sus-pended but otherwise will field much the same side.

**Group A:** Auxerre v Rangers

### bar French path to glory

Patrick Glenn in Auxerre

HE normal combativenes of the Champions League may be hard to find at the Abbe Deschamps Stadium tonight, when a French team who do not have to win entertain Scottish opponents indif-ferent about the result. It is a prospect causing some vital fixtures coming up anxiety in Guy Roux, the 58-year-old coach who has ers coming into the team and

moulded Auxerre into improbable champions of rance after 35 years. Rour's team need only a draw with Rangers to reach the last eight of the European Cup. Even if Ajax also draw

in Switzerland against Grass-hopper Zurich, Auxerre will qualify by virtue of their superior goal-power in beating Ajax 2-1 last month after losing to the Dutch champions 1-0 in September. Auxerre's own edginess

may be a bigger problem than Rangers. Roux was understandably guarded yesterday when discussing the possibilities.

"We know a draw is enough," he said, "but it makes us unsure of how to ap-

have to prove to people they are not as poor a team as their defeats in the first four Champions League games suggest."
The Rangers manager Walter Smith admitted that the 2500,000 win bonus was one incentive, but he said: "There form to maintain as we have should stay there.'

It may come down to sur-vival of the fittest. Both clubs have been seriously hit by inwithout the suspended Paul

Roux yesterday lost his cap-tain, the midfielder Lamouchi, to injury but he is com-pensated by the return to the defence of Silvestre and to the attack of Laslandes.

Smith too has a slight doubt about his captain Richard Gough, recovering from a knock against Aberdeen Auxerre (probable): Cool: E Silveste. Rebarivony, Gome. S Violeau, Mivel. Laslandes, Mariet,

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Premiership: Middlesbrough 0, Leicester City 2

### Samba silent as Boro slip up again

lan Ross

LACKBURN ROVERS BLACKBURN ROLLING Sven hope to announce Sven Goran Eriksson as hefore their manager before

Only a week after the Swede said he had no intention of resigning as Sampdoria coach to move to Ewood Park, he has reopened negoti-ations with Blackburn — indeed, he is rumoured to have visited England this week to discuss personal terms with the Blackburn chairman Rob-

ert Coar. Eriksson is in the last few months of a six-year contract with the Italian club, which he is not seeking to renew. Arsenal have sent the FA a video of Saturday's 2-1 win at Newcastle and confirmed that they want the referee Graham Barber to review his sending-off of their captain Tony Ad-

ams after his challenge on Steve Coppell, who resigned as Manchester City's manager after 33 days, has returned to Crystal Palace in a part-time capacity, mainly involving scouting. Northern Ireland's World

Cup qualifler with Albania will go ahead as scheduled in Belfast on Saturday week after Fifa lifted its indefinite suspension of the eastern European country when national FA officials were reinstated.

Dario Gradi. England's longest-serving manager, has agreed a new 10-year contract with Crewe. Gradi, who has been in charge there since 1983, will stay until 2007. Kilmarnock, struggling in

the Scottish Premier Divislon, have sacked their man-ager Alex Totten, who was in his third year with the club. Sheffield United threw down the gauntlet to the First Division leaders Bolton last night with a 3-1 win over Huddersfield despite conceding a 14th-minute goal when opening into a fierce wind, writes Paul Fitzpatrick.

But Sandford levelled on 34 minutes with a crisp close-range header, and four minutes later Patterson seized on a goalkeeper's fumble to score his first goal of the season as United turned round 2-1 up. A third goal on the hour by David White clinched the game in hand on Bolton.

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HE Brazilian beach to which Bryan Robson threatens to banish the errant Emerson for the rest of his playing days must have looked mighty inviting to his shell-shocked Middlesbrough team last night.

Buffeted by wind, rain and a brace of Leicester goals against the run of play, their wait for a Premiership victhree months. Summer's optimism is but a hazy memory. For the first time in a tax ing season, Robson fleided a m without a South Ameri can in its ranks. With Emer-

proceedings. Half a dozen first-team stalwarts were also unavailable and it was left to a largely home-grown bunch to provide the magic and muscle capable of arresting a a winless league run of nine games. Phil Stamp frequently pushed up to augment his for wards and Ravanelli gave

him an early chance to open the scoring, but a clumsy fin-ish to the Italian's delightful Both teams' demeanour reflected their precarious habitat near the foot of the table; even for early Decemher this was the stuff of rele-gation cliche. Clearances son awol, Branco long de-parted and Juninho injured X-rated and shots snatched. There was an inevitable air of Most of the latter came

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established a significant advantage. A sweeping one-touch movement involving Fleming, Ravanelli and an intelligent through-header from Stamp demanded just that, but Hignett buried his shot blindly into Keller's midriff. City's United States international keeper dealt equally nonchalantly with a long-range Ravanelli free-kick, but had to make a more urgent

the excellent Stamp, whose shot from distance flashed through a thicket of defend-ers. Keller, with precious lit-tle time to react, made an excellent low save.
It was against this wave of

sustained home pressure that Leicester, typically, took the

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absent friends hanging over | from Middlesbrough, who | lead. Fine work from Lennon proceedings. | with cooler heads could have | brought a juicy cross that left brought a juicy cross that left the simple task of nodding into goal.

If that left the home crowd

bemused, the second blow that followed moments after the resumption provoked mere silence. Parker spurned the penalty area with a short, square free-kick that found Muzzy izzet in acres of space. and the City Wing-back reacted with anlomb with a blistering drive from all of 25 yards. Walsh barely moved as it fizzed past him.

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### Sport in brief

Dawn Fraser, 59, the Australian who won the 100m free-style in three successive Olympics, was "stable and satisfactory" yesterday after a suspected heart attack. **Motor Racing** 

Ligier have signed the Japa-nese driver Shinji Nakano, 25, for the 1997 Formula One sea-

son to partner Olivier Panis. Cricket Nottinghamshire have appointed Derbyshire's Steve Birks as head groundsman after Frank Dalling's decision

to step down after one year. Snooker

Geoff Foulds, previously vicechairman, was yesterday appointed WPBSA chairman in succession to John Spencer, who resigned last month. **Athletics** 

The BAF is expected to agree

at Sunday's egm to two ath-letes instead of the current one serving on its council, writes Duncan Mackay.

Rugby League Karl Fairbank, 33, has retired after more than 300 games for Bradford. He won 16 GB caps.

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Stephen Bierley in Munich sees the British No. 1 earn more than he did in all 1995 by beating Michael Stich in the Grand Slam Cup

## Henman strikes it rich and quick

Olympiahalle, are after stepping off a plane from beating Germany's Michael Stich 6-3, 6-3 in the first round of the Grand Slam Cup yesterday lunchtime, guaran-teed himself \$262,500 (£156,250). Nice work if you

can get it.
Not that everybody wants it. Pete Sampras, Michael Chang, Todd Martin, Thomas Muster and, yesterday, Thomas Enqvist all decided for various reasons to stay away. Enqvist, no doubt ex-hausted by the weekend's Davis Cup exertions, has been replaced by Spain's Alex Cor-

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anyone to miss. Instead the Grand Slam Cup lends credibility to the adage that money cannot buy you everything. What is even worse than them falling to turn up is the realisation that many who manage to don shirts and shorts stay just long enough to pocket the first-round los-

as an upset, so MaliVai Wash-ington's victory over Richard Krajicek, a repeat of the Wimbiedon final, was of no signifi-

Next week Krajicek enters

Here, thanks to the \$250,000

bonus paid to winners of the

Australian Open, Roland Garros, Wimbledon or Finshing Meadow, he picked up \$350,000 for 46 minutes of the ball so well yesterday. Courler clearly benefited too, This could not be said of Henman's match, for the Brit- Rosset 7-5, 6-2. ish No. 1 recaptured musar as the sparkle and quality he showed at Wimbledon and the showed at Wimbledon and the US Open, noticeably on his backhand which he regularly

prize-money than for the whole of 1995, an indication of how much his life has "Tim was very good. He I was focused on the money,"
didn't make many mistakes he said. "Tve said it often and gave me a real hard enough but tennis is more my

month, practised for 90 min-

The British No. 1, who had

are intertwined.
Stich, when he loses, is given to blaming everybody and everything other than himself. On this occasion himself. On this occasion there were no real excuses although his injured right shoulder is not 100 per cent. "The only way I could test it was by playing but Tim was very fast and I was always half a step too slow."

The German, like many players and observors of the defeating Switzerland's Marc With this one victory, in 63

players and observers of the game, believes Henman has

titles is paramount rather remains erratic but his than a bulging bank balance, although obviously the two of exceptional quality. He failed to capitalise on two break points early on but went on to hall Stich's serve twice in the first set.

There were few signs of the German lifting his game there-after apart from a couple of way through the second set, the result was inevitable.

Boris Becker's defeat of Australia's Jason Stoltenberg was almost inevitable from the start. He won 6-3, 6-2 and

#### CRICKET

Tour matches: Mashonaland v England XI

### **England brought** low by the vicar's son from Sussex

David Hopps in Harare

MONG the many innovations that David Lloyd has in-troduced to try to rejuvenate English cricket dressing-room maxims. Churcamps, to mention but three - he has yet to turn to the might seem his best option today after another humbling experience at the start of the Zimbabwe tour.

England's latest setback came at the hands of James Kirtley, son of a Sussex vicar, and the fact that he was from their own parish did not make the experience any more p.datable. When you are strug-gling to remember which end of the bat to hold, being given the runaround by a fringe

barrassing as it gets. Not that Kirtley is a fool: far from it. He had an auspi-cious debut season for Sussex last summer and is blessed with a consistent outswinger. but four cheap wickets yester-day for Mashonaland, which England fortunate to finish a rain-disrupted first day

emed a divine intervention

England had reasonably blamed rustiness for their defeat in a one-day match against a President's XI on the same ground on Sunday, matches before the first Test they can no longer take refuge in that excuse. Such is the shortage of preparation time that they have already confirmed their intended Test side, to allow the preferred XI maximum play-

overdue resourcefulness.

Discovering Kirtley bowl-ing for Mashonaland invited the suspicion that he might have some Zimbabwe ancesply approached Grant Flower, the Zimbabwe opener who was playing club cricket in Sussex last summer, and in-quired about the possibility of wintering in Zimbabwe to be near the England team.

In Kirtley's most optimistic moments he imagined that his proximity to England might be worth a spot of net bowling, a learning session in some Test cricket.

Logan Cup last week, took seven wickets in the match, and was a late replacement. and was a late replacement yesterday when Eddo Bran-des withdrew with a finger injury. He ran in with verve all day and was further rewarded with the tail-end wickets of Gough and Mulially.
Atherton's faith that Eng-

land will benefit from their extensive rest is being sorely tested. In the nets the captain has found even the physio-therapist Wayne Morton unplayable, and yesterday he barely survived his first ball, a confident lbw shout from Kirtley, before steering to the wicketkeeper the third delivery he faced. The Kookaburra ball swung

for the first hour on a humid morning and both Stewart, against the left-armer Brian Strang, and Hussain dragged balls on to their stumps when That such practice is sorely they were seeking to play no needed was underlined as England collapsed to seven for three, Kirtley dismissing outs; Knight's departure,

first three overs, and again to 94 for seven before Robert Croft's unbeaten SS displaced runs between them, and the loss of Crawley, after Croft had shunned a tight single into the off side, added to the sense of waste.

Thorpe was more steadfast than most, reaching 35 before he forced Matambanadzo into the off side, where Houghton clung to a low catch. This was his elder brother Everton, the Test bowler, has damaged in-tercostal ligaments and is likely to be out for the rest of

A lunch-time storm interrupted play for more than 21/2 hours, and the longer Croft is allowed to dwell upon a prethe bar, and the chance to dicament the deeper he digs relax in the sun and watch his heels in Not for the first Instead he was called up career such cussedness from his club, St George's, for served his side well.

century — but he rounded off matters with England's only flourish, striking 14 off four balls from Brian Strang, including a straight six, before he marched from the field at 

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Harare horror . . . Alec Stewart plays on to his stumps after scoring a solitary single DAMD OLES

### Australian Capital Territory v England A

### Slow pitch finally frustrates Hollioake

Andy Wilson in Canberra

ENGLAND A ended the least instructive and most tour to date with a disappointing draw, because of a slow pitch which disgulsed the limitations of the home team. It took the tourists almost five hours and 80 overs to

take the six wickets that remained when Australian Capital Territory resumed their second innings on 140 to the dismissal of Anthony for four, only 15 overs were McGrath, left stranded after left to score 129 for victory. That was always unlikely

on such a huge ground and on a pitch which hindered any attempt to score quickly. The captain Adam Holli-

in next but went in similar fashion two overs later. Mark Butcher offered fur-

ther evidence of his ability to score quickly and also of his superb running between the wickets, with 24 from 21 balls being called for an overthrow by Owals Shah. The Middlesex teenager also contributed being sent back, but made amends with an effortless flicked six over the distant

square-leg boundary. England continued to go for the target even after Shah nake opened and hit eight was lbw for 29 from 22 balls, MacDonald had time to settle.

from four balls before pulling the first ball of the second and Michael Vaughan resover to midwicket with the score on 12. Craig White came

No. 6 with three fours which

take only a single off the penultimate ball of the last over, Warren Hegg had to score six off the last; and even the hero of so many Lancashire runchases could not manage that. "It was up there with the most frustrating day of my career." Hollioake said. "As a captain you get days where you try things and they work; today everything we tried didn't work." In retrospect he thought that he should have

left 24 more runs needed off

opened with his spinners be-

But when Vaughan could

his old county Gloucesterfore Ian Garrity and Darryle

Lawrence 'fitter than ever' and hoping to return

THE former England fast bowier David Lawrence is hoping to make a surprise comeback, two years after giving up all hope of Alan Caffyn has hit back at recovering from splitting his kneecap so dramati-cally in a Test in New Zealand in February 1992. "Syd" is now 32 but has had preliminary talks with

criticism of the county's abrupt dismissal of Ed Giddins only two days after the TCCB banned the fast bowler for 19 months over a cocaine-positive test. Writing to members, Caffyn claimed: "There is no shire and said yesterday: "I way that a bowler of Ed's feel fitter than ever and I ability would not have been play for Warwickshire with only 188 required from am raring to go. I'm dead re-engaged unless there when his ban ends in 1998. the last four hours, Chander-

serious: it is something I was good reason. The 'drug' incident was just one factor. The Sussex chairman and not the sole reason, as the press would have you believe. I am not, however. prepared to go into details. "Had Ed asked for help it would have been readily forthcoming. However, he continues to insist that he old Warne returning or at has never taken drugs of least, in his captain's estimahas never taken drugs of

any sort."
Giddins has signed to

Australia v West Indies: second Test

### Ninety per cent Warne plenty good enough

scoreboard ran an advertisement of Shane Warne, Nike ear-stud gleaming, sendng down a fizzer that turned into a buzz-saw and cut through bat, stumps, the lot. If anything that was under-stating the Golden Magician Effect yesterday.

Not 10 minutes previously, Warne had produced such a rip-snorting rabbit from the hat that West Indies, at that point well placed not just to o go 2–0 down in the series. Officially the match fin-ished 20 minutes before tea when Courtney Walsh holed Warne his fourth wicket and Australia victory by 124 runs. But to all intents it ended on the fifth ball of the over before Innch when Shivnarine Match Glenn McGrath, Chanderpaul, batting glori-ously, copped one from Warne rather like the one that Mike Gatting copped at Old Trafford in 1998.

Chasing 340, and 27 without loss overnight, West Indies ing Brian Lara's, to be 35 for the members' cappuccino. Later the tourists' last seven wickets fell for 63 runs, 32 of which came from a precarious and at times hilarious 10th-wicket stand of prod and thrash between Walsh and Courtney Browns, who scored 25 and somehow

remained not out. Australia's bowling was good but West Indies' batting, like their fleiding on Monday, was desperate. Except, that is, for the pair who came between those two collapses, Chanderpaul and Carl Hooper, who in 23 sublime overs together added 117 for the fourth wicket and

made batting look ridicu-lously easy for the only time in this match, even temporar-ily seeing Warne off. Chanderpaul, nimble-footed and quick of stroke, made 71 from only 68 deliveries, reaching his half-century from only 38 of them, while the new, responsible Hooper creamed his way to 47. It was glorious counter-attack and, Taylor admitted, it had him worried. What price genius, though: Warne's nine-over spell first thing had cost him 52 runs, 38

coming from the last four overs as Chanderpaul's twinwarne had taken one of the three early wickets, bowling the left-hander Robert Samuels with one that pitched wide in the rough outside off stump and hit middle. This was the tion, 90 per cent of him.

But the tide turned and,

left. Into the footmarks again SCG the electronic to the return crease this time. Chanderpaul tried to cut but it struck back perhaps four feet and hit middle and leg. his excitement.

That split second took the fight out of West Indies. After an interval of contemplation, the emphasis shifted from trying to win to trying not to lose and Hooper, who had played so beautifully when Chanderpeul was there, went into his shell. He needed 40 minutes to save this Test but even to win go from 47 to his half-century it, simply curled up and died and finally got out to Michael Bevan's wrong 'un, albeit bizarrely as Taylor fumbled a catch at alip, fell on to his rebound with his foot.

Bishop to a childish run-out, Ambrose clueless against Bevan and Benjamin equally

sevan and Benjamin equally so against Warne.

Much, of course, had been expected of Lara. But he has been a shadow so far in the series and remained so yesterday, although there was a touch of controversy about his discrete. He pulled away. his dismissal. He polled away disdainfully from McGrath's tennis-ball bouncer but left his bat in the air. The ball forward and scooped it up and David Shepherd, after consultation with Darrell Hair at square leg, gave him out.

square leg, gave him out.
Replays proved inconclusive. "Most definitely a catch," said Taylor, who had been at first slip, "I saw it into his gloves." "No comment," smiled Welsh. But Lara handled the situation excel-lently, leaving without fuss.

At times West Indies looked a sad shambles. "We are not looking [like] a professional unit ... probably a lack of concentration or lack of commitment or a combination of both." Walsh said. "All the

guys are trying but it's just not happening."

"We know now," said Taylor, "that if we play well we can make them crack." It used to be the other way

Used to be the other way round. Times have changed.
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S Chandrapus b Warne 71

### **Motor Racing**

### Mansell considers comeback with Jordan

IGEL MANSELL has responded to an approach om Jordan-Peugeot and will ok round the team's headparters at Silverstone this

orning.

The visit is cautiously deribed as no more than "a reliminary fact-finding fur" to establish whether orther negotiations might be orthwhile, but its timing is

next season's world champi-onship was published on Monday and it showed the second Jordan-Peugeot seat as one of six vacancies yet to be filled in the 24-car field. Their named driver is the German Ralf Schumacher, younger brother of Michael

champion. Tempting the 43-year-old Mansell out of retirement he quit after driving only two

Ferrari's former world

The official entry list for | in 1995 - would go a long way towards easing Eddie Jor-dan's disappointment at fail-ing to secure Damon Hill's services for 1997.

Jordan are under pressure from Peugeot, their engine supplier, to improve their results and could lose those engines to an all-French team headed by Alain Prost in 1998. If Mansell, the 1992 world champion, can still perform competitively he might be just the driver they need at a

### Squash

### Harris shocked by Gregory's gall

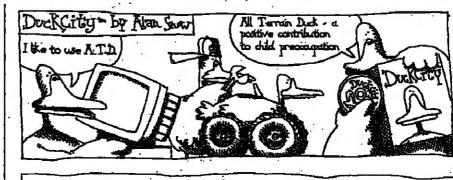
pay-days.

PAUL GREGORY recovered from within three points of defeat and overcame some quirky refereeing yesterday to upset the seedings and earn a quarter-final with the favourite, Rodney Eyles.

At one stage Gregory ac-cused the referee of "costing him his wages" but he fought back from 8-11 in the fourth game against the fifth seed 15-13, 15-12, 15-11 victory or Del Harris, and his 8-15, 15-8, Egypt's Omar El Borolossy.

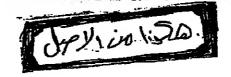
12-15, 15-13, 15-8 win in the £65,000 Mahindra International after almost an hour and a half will have guaranteed bim one of his biggest

Harris tired in the later stages and the two tins and the lob out of court he projected in the last three rallies of the fourth game caused the contest to slip away from him. reached the quarters with a 15-13, 15-12, 15-11 victory over



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# Asprilla's perfect double TV drama

UST as Newcastle United were contem-plating their first goalless draw for nearly 21/2 years, Faustino Asprilla, the man who cannot score in domestic football but revels on the European nights, snatched two late goals at St James'

A stooping 81st-minute header was followed 60 seconds later by a flick over the advancing Metz goal-keeper and, though both goals were against the run of play, they guarantee Newscale. they guarantee Newcastle a place in the quarter-final draw on Friday week.

It is never straightforward with Asprilla, though, and, having been booked for excessive celebration after his opener, the Colombian will be suspended for whomsoever Newcastle meet then.

It had been a long time com-ing for Newcastle but, when Peacock chested down Gillesple's centre and knocked the bali back across goal, Asprilla nodded home from four yards. His second, a noncha-lant flick after a daring run, sealed the result but the scoreline flattered Newcastle Their performance was as unconvincing as any of late.

A calendar month and five

games had passed without Newcastle experiencing vic-tory but Keegan persisted with his now familiar line-up. In fact it was Metz who made changes, with Isaias, the man who felled Batty, as expected on the bench. Metz also had a different keeper from the first leg. Biancarelli, a 26-year-old Corsican who had played only 10 times for the club.

In a nervous opening from the home side it was almost a quarter of an hour before Biancarelli had to make a serious intervention. For the first 10 minutes the men in rouge, just as Ferenchman was able to run 60 had been in the previous round, were the livelier.

Elliott was twice exposed over save out of Smicek. It was not the kind of attacking to cause panic, though, and with have arrived. Once again pie shot was hacked off the line by Rastendeuch.

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Lang but he put his header to go down as Albert cut over from six yards.

A stinging 30-yard thunder-bolt from Pires was then parried over by Smicek, who wisely did not try to catch it.

At least the half was to end

on a comparatively bright note for Newcastle with a typically hungry smash-and-grab tackle and blast from Shearer. And when Assettle earer. And, when Asprilla sped by Terrier after the in-terval, it seemed the Colom-bian had caught the mood.

However, any optimism caused by that little flurry of activity dissolved abruptly. In the next minute Lee's slack pass from outside his own area went directly to Pires, who in a flash had exchanged was bearing down on Smicek

fer another heart-stopping moment. The referes raised his arm but, when he pointed, it was to the six-yard box not the penalty spot.

Acutely aware they needed to score to have any chance of progressing, Metz maintained their pressure and it was al-ways intelligent, never reckless. Keegan was even wor-ried enough by the ease with which Pires ran by Elliott that he brought off Ginola and replaced him with a de-

Elliott, Batty, Lee, Gillespie ry, Ginole (Watege, 69min

# Hillsborough,



Jim White

T WON'T be easy, the scenes of anguish are relentless, but every football fan should watch Hillsborough, Jimmy McGovern's television examination of the worst tragedy in British sportwoist tragedy in the instruction of the instruction of chance, it could travel in the instruction of chance, it could have been you.

The events covered by the film are, according to the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, too recent to be a fit subject for dramatic examination. When his force was approached for help early in the work's research, he protested that such a project might up-set the families of the victims. Which, it might be thought, was a bit of a first in South Yorkshire police's attitude to the disaster: worrying about the families' sensibilities

rather than their own backs. in fact, the film came about only because the Hillsborough Families' Support Group ap-proached McGovern specifically to write up their story. They met after a special screening of an episode of the writer's Cracker, the one about Albie, the skinhead driven to serial murder by

what he saw at Hillsborough "I was worried that some of

ern says. "So we arranged for rage. I have never seen so much anger in people's eyes

The families agreed with McGovern that, far from being too early, it was about time their side of things was given

an airing.
'It is about time because it's the truth," he says. "I wanted as well to be fair to the ordinary copper on the ground who was let down by lack of eadership on the day. Some might feel, on seeing it, I was being a bit too kind. But I was desperate not to let the South Yorkshire force have the exruse that I was just being antipolice in order to dismiss the

contentious genre, one which has been compromised by flawed offerings such as In The Name Of The Father. As it

pidity and confusion, however, Hillsburough seems all too plausible.
The police were so bloody

incompetent there was no need for us to exaggerate for dramatic effect," says McGoverri. "The bald facts are nough. If anything we toned it down, because nobody would believe some of the things that went on."

tions in the seven years since the disaster have been twofold: to ensure such a thing could never happen again, and to seek justice.

In the first they have manifestly succeeded. The eventsur the film happened within the lifetime of an infant-school child but it seems like another world. Anyone who went to matches back then will remember the crushes depicted in it: the shoves, the the overcrowding. Also, whenever something went wrong, the attitude of those in control that, since you are a football fan and thus solely in you must be to blame.

It really is not like that any more, and it is only when you go to an antediluvian stadium such as Oxford United's conits funnel-like exits and hope less access, that you appreciate how much things ha changed. That it took a disas-ter of the scale of Hillsborough to facilitate change is the real tragedy within McGovern's

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The families' quest for justice is a different matter. The catalogue of clumsy error Mc-Govern discovered in his researches — the way video surveillance evidence was ignored, the fact that vital tapes went missing, the manner in which crucial witnesses were not called to the witness box -Hillsborough disaster inquest may not have been in full possession of the facts when it delivered a verdict of acciden-

ADLY, you feel that the interests involved are too strong to allow a single television pro gramme the clout to reopen the case. But McGovern felt

obliged to try.
'I think it is clear from the illm who we reckon was to blame for the disaster," he says, "We know what happened; if anyone thinks any of it is untruthful, then let them sue me."

And you get the feeling, from his tone of voice, that he would rather enjoy that Hillsborough will be shown on ITV tomorrow at 9pm with the concluding part at 10.40pm.



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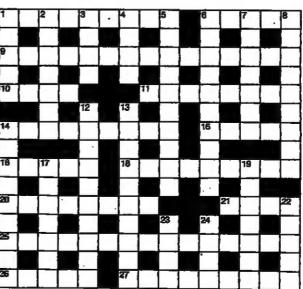
River Phoenix's

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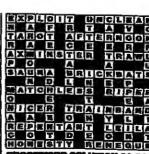


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